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SUCCESS IN SIGHT ON BAN FOR SCRAP CASH

by Daniel Wainwright

A CAMPAIGN by Dudley MPs for new laws to ban cash payments for metal to stamp out theft is closer to success. Unlimited fines for trading in stolen scrap and a ban on paying cash for metal is to be incorporated into a new law on legal aid.

Metal theft is believed to cost the economy £770 million a year with church roofs, railways, manhole covers, schools, hospitals and ever war memorials being plundered by thieves who sell their haul for scrap.

Thousands of pounds of damage can be caused in order to obtain metal with a small value.

Last week a £15,000 scheme to replace stolen play equipment at Leasowes Park in Halesowen was completed after thieves took vital parts of the equipment, which left them useless.

Sandwell Council is going to replace its metal manhole covers with cheaper plastic ones after a series of thefts. There were 300 covers taken in two months.

If dealers pay in cash it means there is no way of tracing the people who supply the metal.

MPs from all parties have been calling for new laws to ban cash transactions.

Last week a private member's bill was voted down in the House of Commons, prompting Dudley North Labour MP Ian Austin and Dudley South Tory MP Chris Kelly to vow to continue to fight for changes.

Implemented

However, it was revealed this week that a ban on cash trading will be implemented by a new clause in the Legal Aid Bill, which is currently before MPs.

The Government is also prepared to scrap the £1,000 limit on fines by April.

Mr Austin said: "Metal theft cost the West Midlands £27m last year. Businesses are being hurt and ordinary people too.

"Home owners are facing power cuts, commuters facing delays and churches and schools being forced to close. Sickeningly, war memorials are even being targeted."

However, the planned changes in the law do not go as far as the measures proposed by Graham Jones, the Labour MP for Hyndburn.

He called for anyone selling scrap metal to provide proof of identity.

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Lower pay as cabinet agrees to shake-up

MORE than 1,000 Dudley Council workers face a pay cut after a shake-up of the authority's workforce was rubber-stamped.

The council was required to draw up the single status agreement to iron out pay inequalities. Unions Unite, GMB and Unison signed a collective agreement accepting the council's proposals on the eve of a special cabinet meeting this week.

Under the agreement around 1,300 council staff, 14 per cent of the workforce, will receive lower pay.

Around 41 per cent of staff will keep the same basic pay and 45 per cent will see an increase in their salary.

Work will now begin to bring the agreement into effect from April 1. Staff will get the chance to appeal against the changes with timescales being drawn up.

Cabinet members said they were pleased all three unions had agreed to the proposals and believed it was a unique achievement.

Council leader Councillor Les Jones said some staff would inevitably be affected, adding: "We have done everything we can but there was nothing we could do to help them. I do not want this to go unrecognised."

GMB organiser Mohammed Khalik said the agreement had been reached after lengthy talks between the unions and the council.

Holden's is brewing up expansion

THE BOSS of Holden's Brewery said a boom in demand for real ales has led to plans to expand its Woodsetton home so it will produce an extra 25,000 pints a week.

Managing director Jonathan Holden said the plans were likely to create new jobs.

An extension will be built to the rear of the brewery in George Street to allow the installation of extra fermentation tanks to increase the production of ale from 50,000 pints a week to 75,000.

Mr Holden said: "There has been a resurgence in the popularity of ales in recent time and this has been a massive benefit to us.

"Last year was a good year for us and this year has every indication of being the same. This expansion is necessary for us to build on the business.

"There is still a lot of work to be done but it is all very positive and we are looking forward to getting these plans up and running over the course of the year."

The brewery, which dates back to 1915, is expecting permission to be given for the extension by council planners within the next month and aims to begin work by Easter.

It hopes to have the expanded facility up and running by October or November this year, representing "thousands of pounds investment".

Work has also been completed on a new bottle store at the brewery, with the construction of new offices.

Mosaic gets preserved

A MOSAIC coat of arms has lifted from the floor of a Stourbridge shopping centre – to make sure it is preserved as a £50 million superstore is developed.

The design, on the floor of the main entrance to the Crown Centre, shows the coat of arms of the old Stourbridge borough.

The Crown Centre is to be demolished to make way for a Tesco superstore and revamped shops. Tesco said the coat of arms will feature in the new shopping mall.

Colourful panto people parade



Members of Startime Variety stop off at Wilkinson's in Halesowen to promote their latest pantomime production– Jack and the Beanstalk starting next month

A DRAMA group in Halesowen is preparing for curtain-up on their latest production.

Startime Variety will perform Jack and the Beanstalk at Halesowen's Cornbow Hall. The cast went out dressed in full costume to hand out leaflets to shoppers to promote the production. Member Jeanette Greenway said: "We thought it was a nice idea to get out in the town and let people know about the show.

Shows will take place between February 1 and 4 with all performances starting at 7.15pm. The group will also stage a matinee on February 4 at 2.15pm. To book call Dudley Box Office on 01384 812812 or on line at **www.dudley.gov.uk/entertainment**

Jobs lost as family engineers collapses

HISTORIC Dudley engineering firm Griffin Bros has collapsed with the loss of more than a dozen jobs, bringing more than a century of Black Country craftsmanship from the company to an end.

The firm, which dates back to 1898 and was run by the fifth generation of the Griffin family, is now in the hands of administrators from corporate recovery firm Begbies Traynor.

However, the news comes as the revival of Dudley's former town centre market hall promises to create 35 new jobs with a new branch of 99p Stores.

Administrators were called in when the directors at Griffin Bros decided to stop trading, making the entire 13-strong workforce redundant.

Based in Wellington Road, the company had a turnover of between £600,000 and £700,000 from making pails, kegs, drums, bins and containers for industry.

Administrator Adrian Graham said Griffin Bros had been hit by the difficult economic climate. "There was a downturn in the level of business, squeezed margins and rising debts."

Meanwhile bosses at 99p Stores are to create jobs in the town when they open their store in the old Spencers Market premises in High Street, which have been empty since July.

130 drivers are stopped

MORE than 130 motorists have been caught driving cars with illegal tinted windows during a four-month police crackdown in Halesowen.

Officers at the town's police station have been stopping drivers in the town following complaints about motorists who are flouting the law. Sgt Martin Hall, from Halesowen Police, said cars with tinted windows can be linked to crime and anti-social behaviour.

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Virgin staff to leave The Waterfront

VIRGIN Media is to move 342 staff from offices at Brierley Hill to a regional headquarters in Birmingham.

Office staff, including sales and business planning teams, will leave the company's base at The Waterfront by the end of the year.

Brierley Hill ward councillor Zafar Islam described the news as a "sad blow" for the town.

Workers at the offices in Cable Plaza were told last week about the proposals to "centralise" staff at Eagle Court, Coventry Road,.

The cable TV, phone and broadband business' technical operation and teams that manage network operations will remain at Brierley Hill with staff retained there to maintain it. Offices at Redditch, where 20 staff are employed, will also close.

Maurice Daw, Virgin Media's executive director for access, said no job reduction was planned and they wanted to retain skilled staff in the region.

Staff facing significant extra travel costs because of the relocation will be paid a travel allowance as compensation for up to three years.

Mr Daw said the intention was to centralise a number of offices in the West Midlands region to create a new centre of excellence for customer service and regional operations in the area.

"The proposals are designed to help improve efficiency and collaboration, with teams also benefitting from a significantly enhanced working environment," he added.

But Councillor Islam said: "This is a sad blow for both Brierley Hill and the rest of the borough. It is very worrying as well. We do not want any more to follow."

I fought with machete attacker, says tourist

A HOLIDAYMAKER from Dudley has told how he fought off a machete-wielding attacker after violence erupted in the Tenerife bar where he was drinking and a woman was injured.



Paul Matthews

She was left with injuries to her ear, while her husband's face was cut and another woman's finger was injured in the trouble in the Malibu Park resort in San Eugenio Alto, Adeje.

Father-of-two Paul Matthews leaped into action without a "second thought".

Despite the 62-year-old having a machete in one hand and a knife in the other, Mr Matthews, aged 43, grabbed his wrists and wrestled him to the ground.

The former car salesman said the man had been drinking in the Next Door Bar and started rowing with other revellers.

He is thought to have left the bar to fetch the weapons.

Mr Matthews, of Kingswinford, said he slammed the man's arms on the floor until he dropped the weapons and then dragged him outside. He escaped and was later arrested.

Chopped

Mr Matthews, who was not injured, had been outside having a cigarette.

"I came back inside I heard screaming," he said.

"The first thing I see is a woman looking like her finger has been chopped off and another woman with part of her ear ripped off, while a man's face had been hit with a machete.

"It was absolute bedlam."

Mr Matthews added: "I didn't give it a second thought but I'm sure that if I hadn't stopped him he would have gone on the rampage until someone was dead."

But he insists he was just following his instinct when it happened last Monday.

Mr Matthews, returned home on Friday.

£10,000 to help convict Betty's killer

A £10,000 reward has been offered for information leading to the killer of a retired teacher who was stabbed and beaten at her secluded Bewdley cottage. The reward is being offered by Crimestoppers.

Betty Yates, aged 77, died after being beaten with her walking stick and stabbed in the neck.

Police have said they are not ruling out the possibility Mrs Yates knew her killer as there was little sign the isolated £300,000 cottage had been broken into.

When officers found Mrs Yates' body at 9am on January 4 the doors of her cottage in Dowles Road had been locked and the blinds had been drawn.

Charity Crimestoppers is now offering up to £10,000 for information that leads to the conviction of those responsible. The report can be made anonymously.

Anyone with information should call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

DIY success in the Nick of time



Nick Knowles and his DIY SOS team with the Whitehouse family in Lower Gornal

JUST 10 days ago, the Whitehouse family home was a DIY disaster area – with roof beams and brickwork exposed in an unfinished extension and no money left to sort it.

But now, following a transformation courtesy of television show DIY SOS, the extension has been completed, the interior has been spruced up and the garden turned into a tranquil oasis.

Nick Knowles and his team from the BBC programme were challenged with revamping the family's unfinished, cramped three-bedroom house, in Park Road, Lower Gornal, Dudley.

Parents Joanne and Wayne Whitehouse wanted new bedrooms in an extension for their children but had struggled to finish the job. The children suffer from varying forms of Fragile X Syndrome which can lead to learning difficulties and physical disabilities and need space to be able to live in comfort.

Friends, family and neighbours gathered outside the house, in Park Road, last week as the makeover was revealed for the cameras.

Children Katie, 22, Ginny, nine, and seven-year-old Jack also saw their new bedrooms for the first time as Knowles took the family on a guided tour of their new-look home.

After remortgaging the home, the money dried up, so Mrs Whitehouse, aged 40, decided to send out an SOS to the building team from one of her favourite shows to help them.

Nick Knowles said: "We are proud of the programme and people say it is an amazing thing that we do but all we are is a catalyst to make it all happen.

"Essentially this is about local tradesmen who have helped out a local family," he added.

Interest in flower pitches is blooming

INCREASED interest from street traders wanting to sell flowers outside two Dudley crematoriums has led to new regulations being brought in to decide who gets the pitches.

Previously traders have used plots outside Gornal Wood and Stourbridge being used.

However, agreements with existing flower sellers come to an end later this year and other traders have shown an interest.

Officials from the bereavement service said interest had been shown from businesses wanting to trade in Chase Road, Gornal Wood, and South Road, Stourbridge, at weekends.

Only one trader is permitted to sell outside each of the sites and council bosses decided to formalise the procedure to decide who gets the vital permission.

Previously, the bereavement service made the agreements but under the new scheme Dudley Council's licensing sub-committee will have the final say.

The committee last week agreed in principle to making the two areas "consent streets" and it will now go to consultation.

Local heroes are wanted

THE NINTH annual Mayor's Civic Awards has been launched to find the borough's unsung heroes.

The scheme gives people the chance to highlight those working tirelessly in their communities.

There are four categories, which are all named after renowned figures in the borough and Dudley Council is asking people to nominate someone who they feel deserves recognition.

Nominations must be in by 19 February. Nominate at www.dudley.gov.uk or pick up a form from libraries or call 01384 814 449.

Tesco takes centre

SUPERMARKET giant Tesco has officially taken over Stourbridge's Crown Centre – and workers moved in to pave the way for a new £50 million store.

Barriers have been installed around the square. The project aims to breath new life into the town centre, and create around 400 jobs.

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Car park for town 'on radar'

PLANS have been unveiled to create a multi-storey car park in Dudley to create hundreds of new spaces and bring in more shoppers.

Traders have been calling for improved parking in the town centre for years, saying the majority of the existing spaces are on the outskirts of the main shopping area.

Highways bosses at Dudley Council have now revealed that plans for a multi-storey are "already on the radar".

Councillor Angus Adams, cabinet member for highways, said the scheme would be worked on over the coming year. It is planned to create the car park in the town centre, but an exact site has not been finalised.

"This is something we are definitely looking at to increase the number of parking spaces in Dudley town centre," he said.

"The aim is to create the multi-storey as part of the ongoing regeneration of the town centre which is already under way.

Trader Alan Caswell, who runs the Arcade Toy Shop and has been campaigning for more parking in the town, said: "A multi-storey car park would be the perfect solution to the issue of car parking in Dudley."

Man found asleep in van

A MAN took a taxi home from a day out drinking – but then got in his van to fetch food and was caught asleep at the wheel, a court heard.

Nayan Patel, aged 21, of Woodbury Road, Halesowen, had drunk nearly three times the drink drive limit of alcohol when he was found on January 15.

He admitted driving with 98 micrograms of alcohol in 100ml breath – the limit is 35 – and Dudley magistrates banned him from driving for two years. He agreed to complete a drink driver rehabilitation course.

New chairman

A new organisation aimed at giving patients and users of health and social care services in Worcestershire a stronger voice has appointed its independent chairman.

Peter Pinfield, a non-executive director of NHS Worcestershire, has been given the role of helping establish and lead HealthWatch Worcestershire.

Boycott threat over parking fees increase

CAR parking charges at Baggeridge Country Park have been increased by 78 per cent, sparking fury among walkers and fears for the future of a tea shop.

Users have threatened to boycott the beauty spot, near Sedgley.

South Staffordshire Council has put up the cost of a day's parking from £1.40 to £2.50. An hour's parking rate has been introduced, costing £1.50. But, at nearby Himley Hall parking remains at 80p for two hours or £1.10 all day.

Winifred Bickley, aged 71, of Whitehall Road, Penn, Wolverhampton, of the 30-strong Baggeridge Walkers, said: "We are furious."Dave Daly, aged 41, and his wife, Julie, 42, who run the Baggeridge Tea Shop, are worried about the future of their business, which employs four people.

Mr Daly said: "I understand the charge needs to go up – but this is a drastic price increase.There will be an effect on our trade."

Brian Dunn, aged 74, of Denleigh Road, High Acres, Kingswinford, who walks several times a week, said the rise was "disgusting".

Sandra Browning, 61, of Buttons Farm Road, Penn, said: "We might move now to Wombourne or Himley for our walks."

Gillian Jones, aged 72, of Peterdale Drive, Penn, added: "We like the walk here and come into the tea shop by the car park for a cup of coffee afterwards, where they always provide us with a plate of biscuits. But we won't be able to afford this any more."

South Staffordshire Council defended its decision to increase parking charges at the beauty spot and blamed the hikes on "tough times".

Leisure boss Tony Ward said: "We get more than 145,000 visitors a year to the park but, financially, times are tough.

"But we still think it represents good value for what is an excellent facility. Visitors also have the option to buy a six-month or 12-month pass up front. If they buy a six-month pass it only works out at about 70p a week."

Parking machines are due to be installed at the park in the coming weeks. A notice at the Baggeridge car park reads: "In the current economic climate we have to increase the money we take in order to maintain the park. Whilst this may seem a large increase to some, it is still cheaper than parking in Wolverhampton (and a much nicer place to be).

"The seasonal parking passes will remain at the same price for the time being."

Campaigners win battle for a crossing on danger road

CAMPAIGNERS have won an eight-year battle for a pedestrian crossing on a Halesowen road which has been labelled one of the most dangerous in Britain.

More than 500 people backed plans for the crossing on the A456 dual carriageway in Hayley Green during a recent public consultation into the proposals.

Dudley Council transport bosses have now given the go-ahead – with work on the £80,000 project now scheduled to start early next month.

Four people have been killed on the busy route, which runs between Birmingham and Kidderminster.

In November 2004, 18-year-old Halesowen College student Lucy Mills was knocked over and killed while trying to cross with friends to get to a shop.

Documentary

The road was dubbed the second most dangerous in Britain when it featured in an ITV documentary earlier that year. A survey found more than 10,500 drivers breaking the speed limit.

Families who cross it every day to reach Lutley Primary School say they are risking their lives.

Fresh fears were raised last year after a 91-year-old man was hit by a car, suffering a broken arm.

The signal-controlled pedestrian crossing will be staggered across both carriageways near the junction with Hayley Park Road.

Thousands of signatures demanding action had been collected over the past decade.

Councillor Ken Turner, who led the campaign, said: "After being told numerous times that we were never going to get a crossing, we are absolutely delighted."

Charities to benefit as cash raised in memorial

MORE than £1,400 has been raised for two charities to remember a Black Country woman who lost her fight with cancer.

Gurcharan Singh Bedi, aged 69, from Brierley Hill, organised a fundraising campaign in memory of his wife Surjeet Kaur Bedi.

Cancer Support Dudley, based at the White House, and Stourbridge's Mary Stevens Hospice will each receive £729 thanks to his efforts. Mrs Bedi died in 2008 after a battle with breast cancer and every year since her death Mr Bedi has organised fundraising charity events.

This year, the grandfather raised the total of £1,458 through selling raffle tickets and donations.

Mrs Bedi was a regular visitor to the White House, in Ednam Road, and her husband said he wanted to give something back to the centre for all the support she received.

White House centre manager, Chris Barron, said the charity was very grateful for the kind donation.

"The money Mr Bedi has raised will go to help cancer patients and their families within the Dudley borough," he said.

Museum clean-up given fairytale finish



Actress Kathryn Rooney who is playing Cinderella helps to give the museum a good clean-up

A CLEAN-UP at the Black Country Living Museum was given a fairytale finish when a pantomime star paid a visit to the popular attraction.

Actress Kathryn Rooney, who is playing Cinderella at this year's pantomime at Birmingham Hippodrome, was on hand to relaunch the museum following the two-week cleaning project.

And, taking a leaf out her character's book, she helped to scrub the steps and clear away the cobwebs during the final stage of the clean-up scheme at the Tipton Road venue. The museum has now reopened after being closed for a fortnight for traditional buildings at the site to be thoroughly cleaned and repainted.

Kathryn, from Solihull, said a trip to the museum was an annual event for her family when she was younger.

She is appearing in the title role of this year's pantomime at the hippodrome, alongside TV and theatre star Brian Conley and actress and Loose Women star Lynda Bellingham.

Kathryn trained at Arts Educational in London and has performed in Calendar Girls in the West End.

Director of development for the museum Carolyn Pugh said Kathryn's visit marked the start of a busy year.

"We have a number of exciting activities planned for 2012, including the Olympic Torch relay and Newcomen Steam Engine's 300th anniversary celebrations. We are delighted Kathryn was able to take time out to help with our recent clean-up."

The museum is open from 10am until 4pm.

News in brief

Barratts closing 39 more shops

SHOE shop chain Barratts is to close another 39 stores, including the Priceless store in Castle Street, Dudley, despite a deal being agreed to save the business.

The deal comes at the cost of 680 jobs and will also see 14 concessions closing.

Five jobs are being lost at Dudley and another seven at a Priceless store in Tamworth. Administrators Deloitte said the deal includes keeping 89 stores open, protecting 1,184 jobs.

Remembering The Holocaust

AN EVENT to commemorate victims of the Holocaust during the Second World War will be held in a Black Country town.

The ceremony will be at Dudley College's Broadway campus from noon on January 27 and will be attended by schoolchildren in the borough.

It will include a short talk presented by children who have recently visited Auschwitz. A service of commemoration has been held at the college for the past six years. This year's event will run until 1pm.

£300,000 chapel to officially open

A NEW £300,000 chapel and community centre in Halesowen will be officially opened on Saturday.

There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony and service of dedication at Hasbury Christian Fellowship in Albert Road.

The building replaces the former 1938 chapel which has been demolished and is used the community. The ribbon cutting will be at 2.30pm.

Artwork goes on show at centre

BLACK Country artists will be showcasing their work in Dudley next week.

Photography, sculpture and glass are among artworks on display along with paintings, ceramics and textiles

The event will be held at Netherton Arts Centre, in Northfield Road, on Saturday, February 4 from 11am to 4pm.

Open day at hall

DUDLEY'S Grade I listed Priory Hall is hosting an open day on March 10. The Priory Park venue and its surroundings are open from 10am to 4pm. Call 01384 815373.

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FASCINATORS are to be banned from the Royal Enclosure at Ascot, apparently because they are vulgar. My first inclination was to defend them as pretty, frivolous and flattering. Then I remembered the ladies of the office wearing these items for last year's Royal Wedding and referring to their fascinators as fornicators. Wicked girls.

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DIANA Wallis, an MEP, decides to resign. Under the rules there's no need for an election. The £68,000 (plus exes) job simply passes to the next person on the Lib-Dem candidate list who happens to be her husband. A gravy train you can keep in the family.

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THE women's website Mumsnet says the "non-negotiable qualities" a man must bring to a relationship are a sense of humour, a willingness to share chores and the ability to get rid of big spiders. Well, two out of three's not bad.

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AND now a stunning prediction. On or about April 15 this year, the 100th anniversary of the sinking of the Titanic, another big ship will be lost. Actually, it's not that stunning. Every year about 100 ships of 500 tons or more are lost at sea. That's about two a week. Few of them make headlines. High-profile incidents such as the loss of the Costa Concordia are merely the biggest and most visible events in an endless catalogue of loss and bereavement. Those who work on the deep are, by definition, in peril.

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Park life resumes after stolen gear is replaced

YOUNG families can enjoy their local park once more after a £15,000 scheme to replace stolen play equipment was completed. Leasowes Park was targeted by metal thieves.

A new climbing frame, including a slide, has been installed at the children's play area and existing swings have been repaired.

Metal thieves struck at the park in Halesowen last August stealing vital parts of the play equipment, which left them useless.

Dudley Council pledged to replace the damaged equipment and work at the site has now been completed.

Councillors say they are pleased the equipment has now been replaced and hope "youngsters will continue to enjoy playing at the park for years to come."

Bosses said the new equipment had been chosen due to its robust design. It also has no large areas of steel so is of little value to thieves.

Dudley Councillor David Stanley said: "The people who stole from the play area in August should be ashamed of themselves.

"They deprived local children of something they enjoy so much.

"I am delighted we have been able to fund the replacement and repair of the equipment and I am sure youngsters will continue to enjoy playing at the park for years to come."



Warden Antony Ravenscroft and Councillor David Stanley, left, at the park

MP calling for revival of shopping

DUDLEY North MP Ian Austin says plans for the revival of the high street to bring shoppers flooding back should be piloted in the town.

Mr Austin has invited Government minister Grant Shapps to the Black Country to see at first hand how the town's high street is coping.

Mr Shapps has been tasked with developing plans for a revival raised in a review by retail expert Mary Portas.

One of the recommendations was that a number of towns across the country should be should be selected to run pilot schemes to test its recommendations.

Mr Austin believes Dudley should be chosen and has written to the minister to compell him to select the town.

The MP said: "I think we've got to be much more ambitious for our town."

Breach of order over sex offences

A BRIERLEY Hill man jailed for a catalogue of sex offences against children has breached an order not to have contact with under 16s for a second time.

Steven Wyatt, aged 34, of Birch Avenue, escaped another jail sentence after a judge said there was no suggestion he had used "inappropriate" conduct in the latest offence.

Wyatt admitted breaching an order he should have no contact with a child aged under 16 without first having permission from the Chief Constable.

Judge Martin Walsh made a new order that Wyatt should have no contact with, work with or live in the same house with children, except with social services permission.

Judge Walsh said: "He allowed himself to be in the presence of children."

Wolverhampton Crown Court heard Wyatt had, in January 2000 at Swansea, been jailed for 20 offences, including indecent assaults.

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Engineer college is praised

A £10 MILLION college specialising in engineering and manufacturing in Dudley could transform education in the borough, says Dudley North MP Ian Austin.

A bid for Government cash for the project has been submitted by Dudley College and Aston University.

The university technical college could open in 2014 if the application is successful.

Mr Austin has urged Education Secretary Michael Gove to approve the bid and says it will help boost manufacturing in the region.

"A university technical college for Dudley would not only transform the education that's available in the town but address the skills shortage and help rebalance the economy by encouraging young people to pursue a career in hi-tech manufacturing," Mr Austin said.

The Aston University Technical College Dudley will be built off Priory Road.

It will have up to 600 students aged 14 to 19 and employ 50. Officials said it would provide a "hands-on" learning environment.

£700 booster

MORE than £700 has been raised by Black Country college students as part of the Royal British Legion's poppy appeal.

Second-year students studying Uniformed Public Services at Halesowen College helped to raise £717.32 last November. Around 150 students paraded at the Whittingham Road campus.

Ebay postcard of the past led to lychgate family link

A FAMILY researcher who bought a postcard on Ebay has discovered a link to the builders of the church lychgate it portrays. The gate is outside St Peter's Church, Kinver.

by Heather Large

The construction team was lead by a descendant of Steve Basterfield. Mr Basterfield, aged 54, a former policeman who patrolled Stourbridge and Birmingham bought a postcard on ebay showing workmen from W Basterfield, of Kinver, building the lychgate in 1922.

Although he did not at first know where the archway in the picture was, he managed to identify it through studying photographs of Kinver and St Peter's Church.

He popped to the lych gate and found the evidence in a plaque, erected in memory of local surgeon John Percy Holyoake, who died in 1917, which says that the structure was erected voluntarily by W. Basterfield following subscriptions to the cost of materials by parishioners.

He then discovered the grave of Walter Basterfield, organist, choirmaster and churchwarden, in the graveyard, looking towards the gate he and his men built.

Walter had died on February 10 1942, aged 62, and his wife, Emily on March 5 1950, aged 70.

"What particularly appeals to me about the postcard is the beauty of it and the dress and tools of the workmen," said Steve, of High Street, Wollaston.

He is one of several members of the extended Basterfield clan who have been researching their roots and have put together a family tree going back to the 1820s.

"It's a well-known Halesowen name and there are five or six different groups of the family, who were mainly builders and nailers," said Steve, a father-of-three and a grandfather.



Steve Basterfield under the lychgate at St Peter's Church



Mr Basterfield's postcard of the construction from 1922



A plaque in the gate to local surgeon John Percy Holyoake

SVR to celebrate 150 years

SEVERN Valley Railway is staging events over the coming months which include steam galas to anniversary celebrations. Events will include a steam enthusiasts' gala from March 23 to 25. The railway will celebrate 150 years since the opening of the SVR line between Worcester and Shrewsbury on May 19 and 20. Events will also be taking place for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee from June 2 to 5.

NEWS in brief

Fortune seeker is caught stealing

A Romanian man sent to England to "seek his fortune" stole plumbing equipment from a Halesowen DIY store, a court heard.

Alexandru Ciobanu, aged 21, of Queen Mary Road, Coventry, admitted stealing radiator valves worth £476.63 belonging to B&Q. Dudley magistrates gave him a two-year conditional discharge.

Mr Harmail Gill, defending, said: "... he found himself residing with a friend in Coventry unable to make his way."

Charity project wheels in motion

A CHARITY project is looking for donations of vehicles to help youngsters who struggle at school develop new skills.

The Barnardo's Wheels project at the Gainsborough Industrial Estate, Stourbridge has three workshops for budding car and motorbike mechanics.

All the young people at Wheels are referred from schools after problems.

Stourbridge MP Margot James visited the site to see the work being done.

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Sale of booze to youth sees licence suspended

A SHOPKEEPER'S premises license has been suspended for a month after he was caught selling alcohol to a 15-year-old boy. Now the owner and his staff must retrain.

Nirmal Singh Sandhu, who owns Bargain Booze, in Hagley Road, Stourbridge, and his staff have been ordered to do it after failing a trading standards test in October.

Dudley Council's licensing sub-committee suspended Mr Sandhu's premises license for a month to allow that to take place. Police had asked Dudley Trading Standards to act.

A test purchaser, the 15-year-old boy, was sent into the off-licence and bought a bottle of pear cider without being asked for identification.

And the committee was told Mr Sandhu himself had sold the alcohol.

Measures

Trading standards officer Chris King said only a month before officials had visited the store with an information pack on measures to prevent the selling of alcohol to youngsters.

Mr King said it was the second time alcohol had been sold to a teenager at the store saying Mr Sandhu had received a fixed penalty back in December 2010.

Gill Sherratt, representing Mr Sandhu, said her client was the sole owner of the business and the premises license holder.

Mr Sandhu said he had sold the alcohol to the 15-year-old but had been distracted at the time as he was taking a phone call.

"The phone rang and I stupidly picked it up," he said. "I made a mistake."

Reflections on safety

RESIDENTS in Worcestershire, including the Wyre Forest, are being urged by West Mercia Safer Roads Partnership to don high visibility or reflective clothing so they can clearly be seen during the dark mornings and nights.

Zumba to fit in fundraiser



Louise Grosvenor, Jenny Whitehouse, Lou Thomas, Anne Griffiths and Gemma Webster get ready for a Zumbathon for Mary Stevens Hospice

FUNDRAISERS will be showing off their fancy footwork at a charity Zumba event for Stourbridge's Mary Stevens Hospice.

Organisers are hoping up to 600 people take up the challenge and join in the sponsored Zumbathon Party on February 19.

There will be hourly sessions from 11.30am until 5.30pm led by qualified instructors at at Hagley Community Centre, Hagley. Sessions cost £5 or for the really energetic three sessions cost £12.50 with all proceeds going to the hospice.

Head of fundraising Janet Jones said: "Zumba is so popular now and a favourite with those who perhaps do not enjoy gym work." It is hoped to raise £10,000 in sponsorship.

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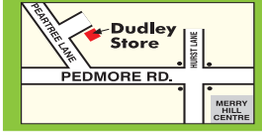
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Water farce of paying others' bills

DAYLIGHT robbery! That's what it is, with the water companies implementing an extra £15 surcharge on the water rates of those who do pay, to compensate for those who do not and will not pay, because the law states noone's water can be turned off.

It's about time we, who do pay our bills, took the same attitude then if we are being penalised for paying ours.

Water rates are for the service that is provided to the payee's home address, like it says on the envelope it is delivered in, and those that do pay should not be expected, or have imposed on them extra surcharges to pay the shortfall caused by those who have no intention whatsoever of paying for this service.

The water companies should be allowed to recover the money from those who owe it to them, and not from those who are already struggling to pay all their bills, especially pensioners.

Nobody likes paying bills, so I don't see why those who do struggle to pay them, should pay for those who do not, and will not.

Better still, why aren't the shares reduced to pay for all this evasion of payments, perhaps then the water companies will find the ways, and means of recovering the costs owed to them.

Does anybody look at the cost and waste of the water being used by these illegal car washes that spring up all over the place, and are more or less in every street, in some cases three, or four within a short distance of each other, are they being investigated, or being made to pay extra for this excessive use of our most vital resource?

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Look to owners of 'evil' dog breeds

I THINK Mrs J Wright will offend a lot of Bull terrier and Stafford owners by calling a whole breed of dog "evil".

Yes, they were bred for dog fighting, but this was banned in 1835.

Are fox hounds evil because they kill foxes? Are cats evil because they kill the birds?

If a Yorkshire terrier gets into a fight with a bigger dog, be it a bull terrier, rottweiler or Labrador, yes it will come off worse as it is a smaller dog whether the other dog has a lock jaw or not. Bull breeds are not evil dogs.

As with any breed of dog they need a responsible owner to make sure they are kept under control. Look to the other end of the lead Mrs. Wright.

EMMA HARRISON
Dudley

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Looking for help in tracing ancestory

I AM writing to ask whether any of your readers can help me with my search for ancestors in the Sedgley area. I am looking for information about my grandfather, Dr Anthony Tamlyn and his family.

He lived in Sedgley from 1810 and died in 1867. I know he originated from Devon and lived with his large family in Sedgley High Street where he was a surgeon and GP.

Most of his sons died young or in middle age and I know his daughter Charity married a greengrocer, Thomas Jones and they lived in Stourbridge and Worcester among other places. Anthony Tamlyn married Jane White of Turl's Hill who I think originated from the Whites/Gibbons of Worfield and Badger in Shrops. Any information about any of these would be so gratefully received. I have no photos of any of the family so any copies of documents, and photos of anything connected to them would be very much appreciated. I can be contacted on email Lesjontre@gmail.com or c/o Fr. Cenydd Marrison, Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, 101 Belmont Rd, Hereford. HR2 7JR

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Angry at comment aimed at Staffies

IN RESPONSE to Mrs J Wright of Wolverhampton, re: Shame no action was taken over killer dog.

I feel so angered by your comments. How can you class Staffordshire bull terriers as killer dogs?

Do you not realise all dogs are potential killers.

Why muzzle just bull terriers? My two dogs are always on a lead, and it angers me to see dog owners letting their dog walk along roads and in parks without a lead, these dogs which are free then come wandering up to mine, if there is fight between the dogs dog, who's at fault?

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Fundraising campaigners have a target for reopening church

A CHURCH in Dudley which closed 10 years ago due to safety fears could reopen by the end of the year, according to campaigners who have re-launched fundraising efforts.

The St John's Church Preservation Group wants to take over responsibility for the building in Kates Hill to enable restoration work.

It aims to restore the building with the minimum of alteration and to place a cafe bar and meeting rooms in the undeveloped undercroft of the church.

The building will be used for worship and general community use. The plans were drawn up following a feasibility study and consultation held in the autumn. Now the group is aiming to raise thousands of pounds to prove to the Church Commissioners that it can afford the upkeep and refurbishment of the building.

Group chairman Deb Brownlee said supporters were planning to increase fundraising efforts.They had almost ground to a halt while they worked on the feasibility study.

Preservation

She said the group would also be applying for grants to fund the preservation work.

It is expected to cost around £5,000 to reopen the building but more money would be needed to fund further restoration. Mrs Brownlee said: "Now we have a clear direction again we are firing things back up and we appeal to all our supporters to get back behind us. "If we get this right we could see St John's reopened before the end of the year."

Historian Professor Carl Chinn, who is the preservation group's patron, is backing the fundraising appeal.

He said: "This plan will involve no substantial alteration to the Grade II listed building.

"Now the group needs to start fundraising again more than ever ."

The group will update members on the campaign this month. It will discuss the proposals further at a meeting at the Quality Hotel in Birmingham Road on January 30 at 7pm

Traders fury as works are 'crippling their trade'

TRADERS in Dudley claim roadworks through the town centre were crippling businesses. Cynthia Burgin said trade in Wolverhampton Street has slumped because the road has been closed on and off over the past four months.

Staff at the nearby Murco petrol station said they have had fewer customers since work began. Grandmother Mrs Burgin whose family have run Burgins News since 1868, relies on passing trade and said many of her customers have struggled to get to her shop.

Wolverhampton Street was shut to traffic between September 29 and December 4. But Mrs Burgin said the shop had already suffered when nearby Stafford Street was closed for a month. The latest spell of work in Wolverhampton Street began on January 9 and will run until February 5 and has seen the road close just at weekends.

Mrs Burgin, aged 80, said: "It has been a nightmare. We rely on traffic coming through and giving us passing trade. It's the backbone of our trade but we've seen a huge drop in customer numbers since these roadworks began.

"If people can't get down the road they go somewhere else. We're the only newsagent in this area so we used to get a lot of people popping in for a newspaper or sweets. The shop has survived two world wars but it is struggling to survive this."

Safeed Enwer, 32, who runs the Murco petrol station in Wolverhampton Street, said: "It is really affecting our business.

"We are not getting the amount of customers we used to because people can't get down the street so they are not stopping here."

Dudley Council spokesman Chris Howes said work by different companies was taking place at the same time so roads were closed for the shortest amount of time possible.

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Archives work is to start soon

WORK on a long-awaited £6million archives centre in Dudley will get under way in March .

Plans for the base, which will be built on the site of the former Royal Brierley Crystal factory in Tipton Road, are being finalised before contractors move on site.

Revised designs have been submitted to council planners ahead of work starting on the building, which will stand a short distance from the Black Country Living Museum.

Bosses hope the centre, which will house Dudley's archives dating back to the 12th century, will be completed by summer 2013.

The building will also have a local history library, a conservation studio, and education facilities such as a lecture theatre and conference rooms.

It will also be used to store documents for neighbouring Sandwell Council. The authority will rent out a space but not contribute to the costs.

Dudley's cabinet member for libraries and archives, Councillor Adrian Turner, said: "Work to build the new archives centre is planned to start in March.

The resubmission of a planning application relates to minor alterations to the scheme, including the proposed new building being built 3.5 metres to the south of the original application.

Alterations

This will allow some raising of ground levels and will help with the construction of foundations."

The site was the home of the Royal Brierley Crystal factory which has now been demolished. The archives are currently based at the former Mount Pleasant School, Coseley, which would be redeveloped for housing.

Tea party held for volunteers



Mayor of Dudley, Councillor Michael Evans and consort Sue Greenaway pictured with the Dudley Volunteer award winners at the council house in Priory Road

SOME of Dudley's best-loved volunteers were given a personal thank you for their hard work by the mayor.

Community-minded residents who last year scooped Dudley Volunteer Awards were invited by the mayor, Councillor Michael Evans, to an afternoon of tea and cakes last week.

A special presentation was made to 17-year-old Laura McCutcheon, who was unable to make the original Dudley Council for Voluntary Service (CVS) ceremony in October.

She was given the Young Volunteer of the Year award by the mayor and John Walters, from Dudley Lions, for the work she does with the Barnardo's Time For Me project.

In addition to working as a retail assistant, Laura gives up two evenings a week and time during holidays and weekends to help provide activities for children whose parents are affected by alcohol and substance misuse.

Andy Gray, Dudley CVS chief officer said: "Today has been a fantastic opportunity to thank some of our borough's most committed volunteers and to share how young people like Laura are making a big difference every day.

"It's wonderful how volunteers have such a great capacity to change people's lives; they are shining examples to all of us."

The celebration was also attended by MPs and senior council and police officers.

Orchestra looks for musicians

MUSICIANS who are keen to pick up their old string-playing talents are being sought by a Halesowen music society. The Halesowen Orchestra, currently a 55-strong ensemble which regularly performs at the Cornbow Hall, attracts members from across the West Midlands. The orchestra would like to hear from people who studied music at school or college who would like to make a return to orchestral playing. Conductor Martin Leigh said: "It is amazing to be part of an orchestra; to work in a team and to experience together the excitement of symphonic music.

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Row settled over shop's plan for 1.30am trading

CONTROVERSIAL plans to allow a convenience store at a former pub in Halesowen to open until 1.30am have been dropped after complaints from townsfolk.

The proposal had caused concern among people living nearby who fear it could cause disruption. The Woodman pub, in Bromsgrove Road, has had various name changes in recent years and has just opened as a Simply Fresh shop. It can serve alcohol until 11.30pm, but applied to sell food until 1.30am, Thursday to Saturday.

But now those plans have been scrapped and the shop will close at midnight. The owners have now said it was "unlikely" they would have stayed open until 1.30am, even if they had been given permission.

The late night refreshment licence will run from 11pm to 12am, seven days a week.

Customers

A previous application to turn the whole building into a hot food takeaway was rejected by Dudley Council amid concerns over noise from customers and vehicles. More than 30 residents objected.

Neighbour George Gould, aged 48, said: "In my opinion these plans were a non-starter anyway, but I did fear there would be an increase in noise and disruption. I am glad the plans have been withdrawn and the store can go on with its business now.

"I have no problem with it being there, and it's better than the old pub."

The shop, which sells groceries and newspapers, opened before Christmas.

Sarj Singh, co-owner of the store, said: "We came to a compromise and a gentleman who had concerns over noise and disruption withdrew his objections. The issue has been resolved now."

£6,000 boost for charity

A CHARITY for disabled children has been given £6,000. Churchill Retirement Living, and Lombard Properties to give £3,000. The Pedmore Sporting Club Committee matched this. The cash has been given to the Chris Westwood charity for disabled children.

Visit moulds closer ties



Quantum Mouldings operations manager Steve Galbraith, and Peter Wooldridge, the managing director, with the Mayor of Dudley, Councillor Michael Evans and Councillor Sue Greenaway

A PROJECT has been launched for council chiefs to forge stronger links with businesses in Dudley.

The Mayor of Dudley, Councillor Michael Evans, kick-started the scheme with a visit to Stourbridge-based Quantum Mouldings.

The firm, based at Quantum Works, in Enville Street, specialises in glass fibre mouldings.

As part of the council's new Dudley Business First service, the visits are intended to build on relationships between the local authority and the private sector. They are aimed at responding to the needs of local businesses while offering tailored support to individual firms.

Councillor Evans said: "We have created a dedicated team, which offers tailored support and advice for existing borough businesses and those who may be looking to move into the area."

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Boys brigade on right road to a new minibus

BOYS' BRIGADE members in Kidderminster are gearing up for a major boost to their minibus appeal after being chosen as this year's charity for Kidderminster Carnival.

The brigade, based at Milton Hall Baptist Church, Lorne Street, has raised £2,000 towards its £6,000 appeal for a replacement vehicle.

Lieutenant Graham Knight said: "Our old minibus is on its last legs and we desperately need a new one. Hopefully, the contribution from the carnival will go a long way towards our target and we are very grateful to have been chosen."

Carnival chairman Colin Hill, who has returned to the role following the resignation of Steve Walker, said the brigade had been chosen because its band had taken part in the procession for many years

This year's show will on June 23 at Brinton Park. Anyone wanting to take part should contact 01562 751634.

Winning by losing



Jo Skidmore, of Kidderminster, who is starting a fundraising charity challenge, with fundraiser Ele Millward from the Kemp Hospice

A MOTHER of two is hoping to lose the pounds and at the same time pile them up for charity by embarking on a fitness challenge.

Jo Skidmore, of Kidderminster, has set herself the target of losing 10st and wants to combine her personal challenge with raising cash for a good cause. She currently weighs 20st 5lbs.

The part-time Tesco worker is now asking people to support her effort by donating cash for every pound she loses in weight. All of the cash raised will be donated to Kemp Hospice. The 38-year-old said: "It suddenly struck me that I would love to ask people to sponsor me to lose weight." People can pledge cash and follow her progress on www.justgiving.com/Jo-Skidmore

Residents can also apply for sponsorship at Kemp Hospice by calling 01562 756066 or e-mailing elemillward@kemphospice.org.uk

Plea over cash theft

JAMAICAN dollars were among money stolen in a robbery at a house in Stourbridge, police say. Officers are appealing to shops and businesses that offer a Bureau de Change service for information on any suspicious activity.

It is believed the thieves may have cashed in the foreign currency. Jamaican dollars, along with sterling cash and pre-decimal coinage, were stolen in the robbery at a house in Lye on January 9. Detective Inspector Nigel Smith, of Dudley CID, said: "I would ask the public to contact us if they are aware of someone having Jamaican dollars."

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Signed photographs from Bing Crosby, who was friendly to the staff, comedy duo Laurel and Hardy and Chico Marx, one of the Marx Brothers



Bert, front right, with his arms folded when he worked at the Hippodrome



Bert Walker who worked at the Hippodrome

The days when Bert shone light on Hippodrome stars

BERT Walker put Hollywood stars, quite literally, in the spotlight when they graced the stage of one of the Midland's most popular theatres.

MEMORY LANE

By Andrew Turton

The Black Country lad rubbed shoulders with some of the greats from the world of entertainment when he worked at Dudley Hippodrome. Bert was just a teenager when he landed his much-loved job as a lighting technician.

And now, following his death at the age of 81, his sister Veronica has opened up his treasured photograph album which reveal his collection of memories from the world of showbiz.

Personalised signed photographs and beloved pictures taken by his colleagues feature in the album, which Bert handed over to his sister before he died last month.

"He never forgot his time at the Dudley Hippodrome as he'd absolutely loved his life there," says the grandmother-of-one who lives in Bearwood. Bert grew up on Dudley's Wrens Nest estate, attending Wrens Nest Primary School and the former Park School.

The Hippodrome opened on December 19, 1938, as a twice-nightly theatre. It regularly attracted packed houses for plays, variety shows, musicals and pantos starring such acts as Harry Secombe and The Eric Winstone Band.

In 1945, when he was still a teenager, Bert started work in the theatre's 'spotbox'. The role involved managing the spotlight as it followed performers on stage.

For starstruck Bert, each show brought another celebrity performer to the theatre during its 1940s heyday.

One show he would be working for legendary comedian Bob Hope, next it would be lighting the piano for Chico Marx. Judy Garland had been one of his favourites despite her young age, describing her as "a sweet kid".

Singer Tessie O'Shea was also one of his highlights as was Bing Crosby, who had been "very friendly" to all the staff. Dozens of signed photographs were collected by Bert as stars thanked him for his work on their shows.

By 1949 Bert had begun dreaming of the bright lights of Hollywood lighting stage shows and motion pictures. He moved to America in 1952 but after he married he gave up on those dreams.

The writing was on the wall for the Dudley Hippodrome not long after. The growing popularity of television and films was blamed for the slow decline in attendances and it finally closed in 1964.

After a number of entertainment venture,rGala converted it in 1992 into a bingo hall, which it remained September 2009.

It now stands boarded up with its future unclear.



Judy Garland, who Bert described as a sweet kid





From the album, George Formby, left, and Frankie Howerd

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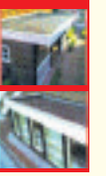


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A WYRE Forest school is celebrating receiving the highest praise by a team from the National Society Statutory Inspection of Anglican Schools.

St Bartholomew's Church of England Primary School in Areley Kings, near Stourport, was judged to be "outstanding".

The SIAS report said: "This happy and successful school is underpinned by tangible and clearly communicated Christian values of respect, love and forgiveness.

"Pupils are cared for extremely well; all staff pull together and 'go the extra mile' for the children and their families.

"Personal development is nurtured very well and the school strives diligently to raise pupils' levels of achievement."

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Headteacher Sue Helps said she was pleased with the report and praised her colleagues for their efforts.

"I see this report as a real turning point for the school. We've been through some difficult times, but we've come through them and are now really making a difference to our pupils through our Christian ethos.

"It's great that the report picked up on the fact that our children are well behaved and really care for each other as well as the commitment of our brilliant and hardworking staff," she said.

The Diocese of Worcester's director of education, Ann Mundy, said: "SIAS is a national inspection framework and although it has a slightly different focus to Ofsted, it is still regarded with the same level of credibility.

"It is very a very thorough inspection into the inner life of the school and it is no mean feat to achieve an outstanding grading."

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Celebrating centre win



Councillors Tracy Wood and Qadar Zada with people who use Woodside Day Centre

CAMPAIGNERS have won their fight to save a day centre in Dudley from the axe following a U-turn by council bosses.

Proposals to shut Woodside Day Centre, in Holly Hall, Dudley, were revealed last year by Dudley Council which said the building was in a "poor condition".They wanted to move its services to another base in the area. But council leader, Councillor Les Jones, has admitted the centre would remain open following consultation with users, ward councillors and the community.

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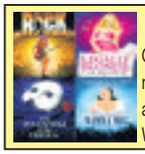
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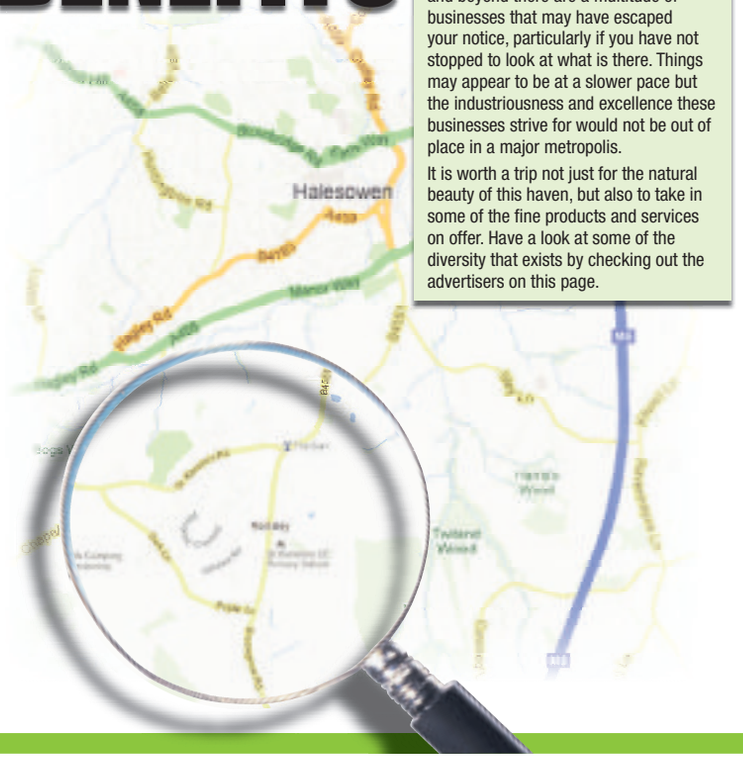
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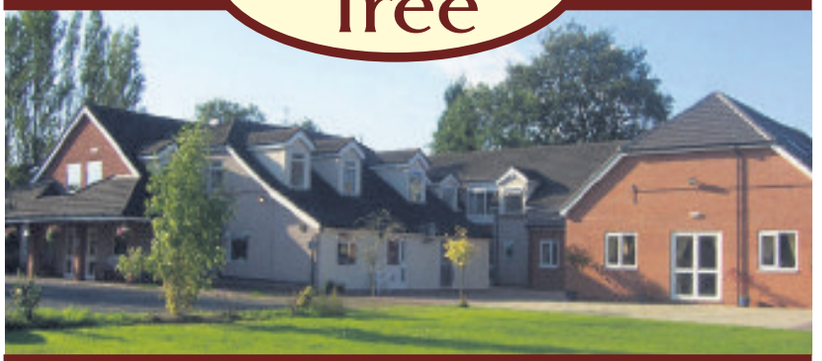
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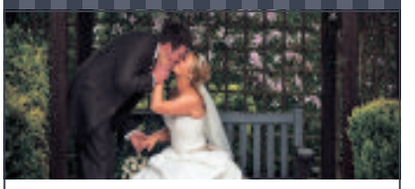
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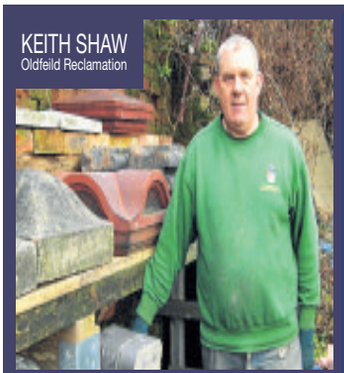
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The open event is taking place on Saturday, January 28, between 10am and 2pm. See first hand what college life is really like. Go along and see for yourself what facilities are on offer, what courses are available and what our locations are like.

The college has recently invested in a new fitness suite and iZone break out area for students at the Hagley Road Centre.

You'll get the chance to meet staff, lecturers as well as support staff who will show you around giving you information about what you can expect when you attend Stourbridge College.

Stourbridge College is offering visitors to their open events the chance to apply for a course online – on the day.

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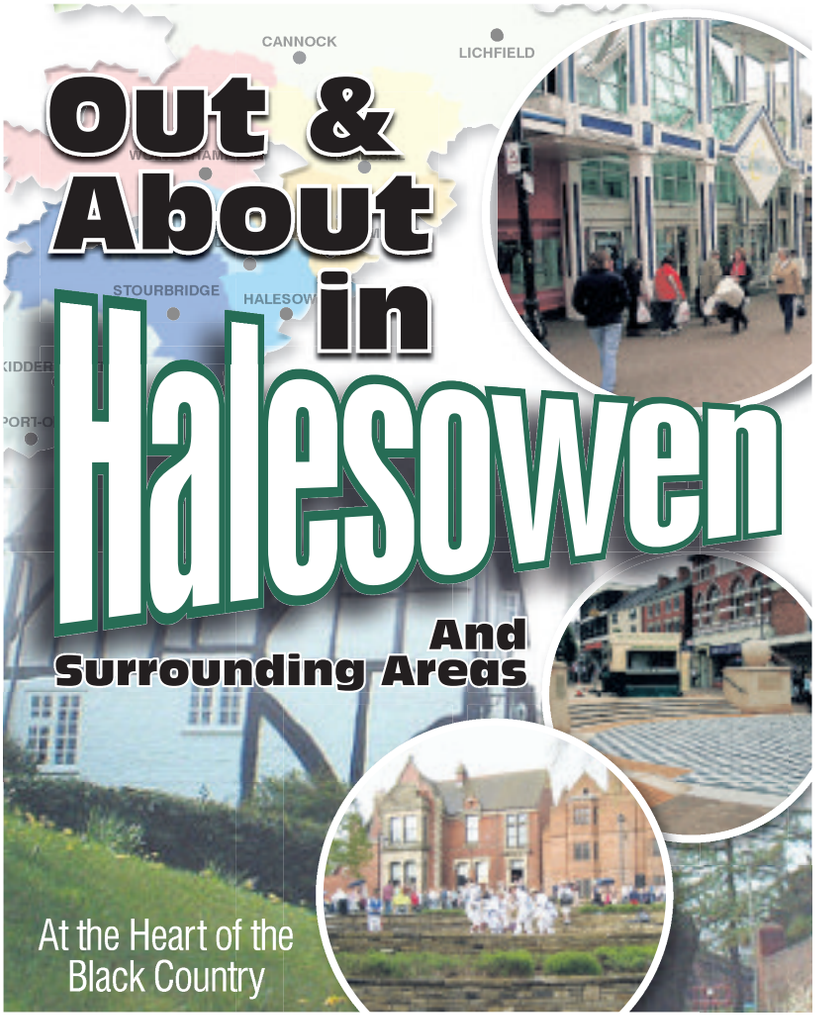
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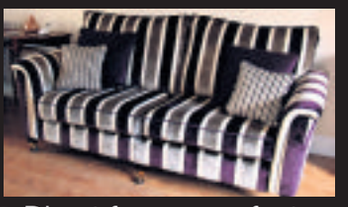
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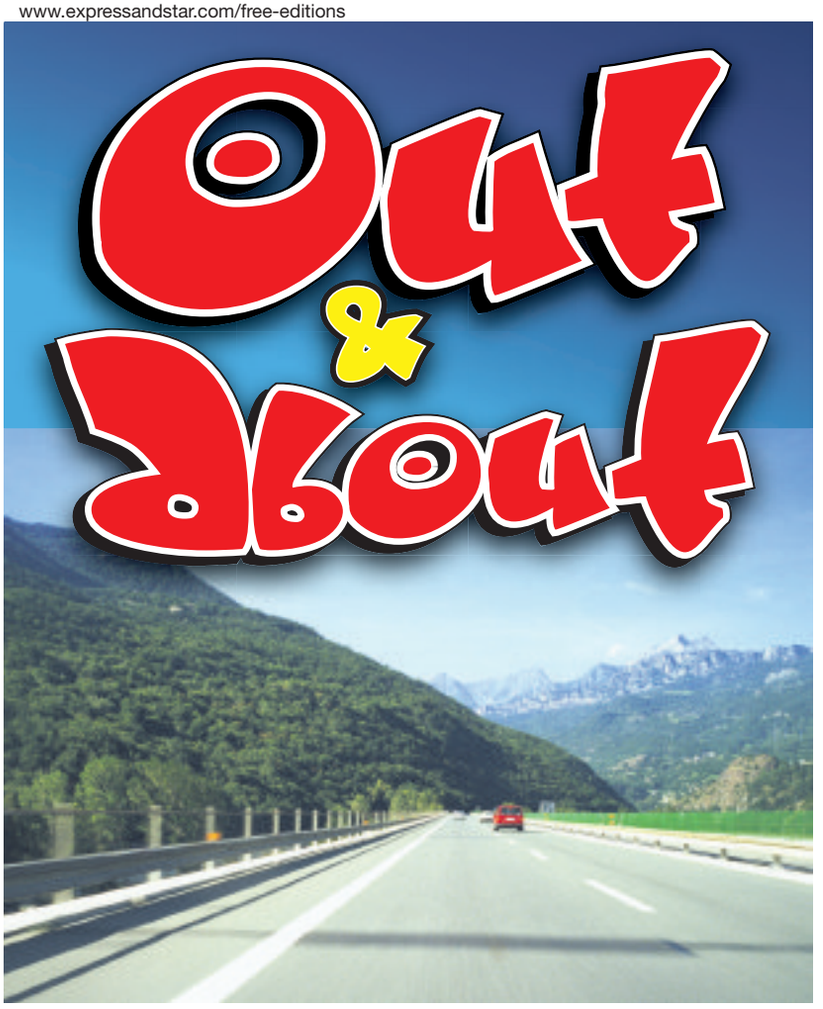
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STACEY young sensual 20yr old looking for fun times. Call me to find out more. Status unimportant. **Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 382091**

MICHELLE blonde blue eyed happy female, loves heels and being feminine, OHAC, self sufficient, looking for male for long term romance and more. **Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 382089**

JESSIE single mum 24 looking for her Mr Right for equally respectful relationship, hopefully blossoming into love. Single dads welcome. **Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 382087**

ATTRACTIVE female, 42, slim, brunette, no ties, N/S, likes travel, nights out, weekends away, seeks slim male for possible relationship. **Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 327579**

JENNY blue eyed cuddly independent female, loves countryside, animals, cooking, WLTM older male to spoil and look after. **Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 378481**

KIRSTY 36 attractive, blonde, seeking open-minded decent male for fun friendship, 40-60yrs. **Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 373013**

ANNA 29yr old nurse, 6ft curvy auburn beauty, likes cosy nights in, genuinely seeking older, well built male to look after, 40-69yrs. **Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 375139**

I'M attractive, very tactile with an hourglass figure, looking for fun and good times. Can you help? **Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 368889**

SHARON 32, attractive black single mum of one, very tactile and WLTM male 45-65yrs for fun meets. **Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 376565**

FUN loving lady, outgoing, honest, caring, likes socialising, seeks older male, 50-70. **Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 383325**

DONNA naughty 40's, pretty, loves nights in, gym, theatre, seeks someone to make me laugh, give lots of cuddles and go on fun dates. **Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 383063**

SARA educated independent attractive female, nervous about dating through advertising, so pls don't disappoint me by not replying. I promise I wont disappoint you!**Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 383061**

DEENA extremely naughty mistress, strict or sensual, sophisticated, feminine, discreet loves role play, seeks solvent older business gent 50yrs plus for fun relationship. **Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 383059**

JEAN 71, fun loving Shrewsbury lady, seeks caring gent of similar age, GSOH, N/S for companionship/outings. **Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 373657**

SUZANNA lonely beautiful classy French lady looking for happy decent reliable man for lots of TLC and good times. **Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 375711**

BETTY fuller figured black female, 26, body confident, affectionate, WLTM older chocolate loving male for daytime meets. Any status. **Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 377511**

5FT 1ins female, brown hair, blue eyes, seeks male, 40-50. **Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 382099**

ATTRACTIVE 45yr old female, seeks genuine, attractive male, 38-48 for friendship/relationship. **Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 388550**

SASHA Attractive curvaceous brunette, energetic, loving, professional seeks well balanced appreciative male for relationship. ACA. **Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 381735**

SUE 45yr old slim attractive blonde, loves working out, cooking, meals out, animals, looking for romance and good times with appreciative male. **Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 381711**

OLIVIA green eyed slim brunette seeking understanding male for mutual companionship and nice times. Age unimportant. **Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 381707**

DAWN attractive, slim female, 45, N/S, no ties, WLTM tall, fit male with get up and go attitude towards life. **Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 375825**

TRISHA 50, attractive, black, outgoing, thoughtful, caring, understanding, likes holidays, seeks similar loving gent. **Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 383073**

SARAH 52, fun loving, affectionate, outgoing, likes pubs, meals out, walks, holidays, seeks kind, romantic, loving man. **Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 382359**

CLARE 25yr old single mum looking for fun times. I have red/blonde hair, blue eyes and am up for lots of fun. Any age/looks/status. **Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 382211**

PAULINE attractive petite nurse, loves evenings in/out, looking for honest male to share loving friendship and good times. **Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 379535**

JOY very hot fun loving 35yr old American female over on regular business, looking for English gent for mutually convenient friendship. **Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 378507**

VERY attractive 18yr old fitness instructor looking to burn some extra calories with older experienced male who thinks he can keep up, 30-60. ACA. **Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 364311**

DIVORCED very lonely single mum, young looking, slim, attractive, WLTM similar male for companionship. Age/looks/Status unimportant. **Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 370023**

HOME alone with no one to call my own! 38yr old naughty girl looking for fun. Can travel. **Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 363277**

CARLY beautiful slim brunette looking for mature male 50-70yrs for fun. **Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 376569**

29YR old large black female looking for much older male, up to 70yrs, for naughty friendship. **Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 370017**

SLIM attractive lady with long auburn hair just wants to have a good time with likeminded older guy up to 75yrs. Looks/status unimportant. **Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 368119**

JANE 40's, blonde blue eyed petite build, with ties, WLTM understanding tall, caring man for daytime meets. **Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 375141**

SARAH 38, slim, nice looking, tactile, no ties, WLTM kind, loving male to enjoy affectionate relationship. Any age/looks. **Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 378483**

YOUNG looking attractive slim blonde, very lonely, WLTM nice guy for whatever life throws at us. No expectations. **Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 370111**

CURVY red haired female, been hurt in the past seeks older male to buy her flowers and mend her broken heart. **Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 377432**

LOVING caring young 67yr old female, 5ft 2ins, slim size 12, brown hair, likes meals out, GSOH, smoker, seeks slim, smart male with GSOH, 58-62. **Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 364651**

JANE 46, single mum, N/S, romantic, likes dancing, nights out, music, seeking male, 40-50 for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 380591**

LOUISA looking for lovely, young male, 20-30's, easygoing for fun. **Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 380469**

MANDY 36, size 10, looking for relationship with open-minded man. Status unimportant. **Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 360317**

RACHEL 38, slim, attractive, works full time, seeks sensitive, funny gent for friendship, companionship, hopefully relationship. **Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 375929**

DIONNE 5ft 3ins, blonde hair, blue eyes, medium build, 42, single mum, seeks male. **Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 376801**

CLARE good looking, beautiful blonde, seeks male for fun and friendship. **Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 378209**

FEMALE looking for gent, 65-70, caring, loving and independent. **Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 378295**

LOUISE 43, 5ft 5ins, medium build, GSOH, kind, caring, honest, genuine, loving, WLTM male, 43-55 with similar qualities for LTR. **Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 376165**

JANICE attractive female, 50, size 12-14, seeks younger gent, 40-50 for fun. **Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 376115**

MARIA 38, blonde, 5ft 5ins, caring, likes nights in/out, seeks caring male for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 329319**

KATHY caring lady 60, medium build, smoker, seeks caring, smart male 55-65 for companionship. **Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 374773**

ELAINE kind, romantic, loving 43, seeks genuine male for relationship. **Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 374845**

JEAN 71, fun loving Shropshire lady, seeks caring gent of similar age, GSOH, N/S for companionship/outings. **Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 373657**

FARMER'S granddaughter, OHAC, stunningly attractive, respectable, sincere, WLTM countryman/batchelor, 48-62, 5ft 9ins plus, genuine, uncomplicated with GSOH and TLC. **Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 387204**

POLLY dark hair, 50, attractive, outgoing, seeks special outgoing male for days out etc. **Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 371127**

LITTLE bit nice and definitely a little bit naughty! Imaginative curvy blonde seeks male for kisses and cuddles. **Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 363428**

TRACY attractive young blonde with great figure, likes nights in/out, looking for stimulating male for interesting meets. **Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 380389**

CAROL petite brunette, 38yrs, romantic, affectionate, outgoing, seeks similar male for nice times together. Any age/looks. **Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 377513**

GORGEOUS 26yr old independent female with lots to offer to the right person, seeks similar. Willing to travel. Any age/status welcome. **Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 358141**

RACHAEL 49yrs young slim, caring, sincere and fun loving, WLTM similar male with GSOH for mutual companionship, perhaps more. **Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 381343**

BIG is beautiful! Female looking for someone to share a life time of happiness with. **Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 368528**

LOUISE 35, dark hair, blue eyes, attractive ex air hostess, looking for fun with older male for romantic nights in and more. **Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 381341**

SHARON 37, social, WLTM male who likes good conversation, theatre, keeping fit and most of all who will appreciate a real woman. ACA. **Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 381345**

HOLLY 25, slim, attractive, brunette, likes gym, WLTM nice, sensitive male of similar age for friendship/relationship. **Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 380851**

SLIM female, 5ft 9ins, blonde, likes weekends away, meals out, seeks handsome chap to court me, then maybe more. **Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 369295**

KIND romantic female, 50, seeking a male to talk, maybe more. **Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 368429**

OPTIMISTIC Shropshire lass, slim, gorgeous, seeks good looking gent, 40-50 with GSOH. **Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 362033**

RAQUEL dark hair, tattooed, single mum, genuine, slim, petite, affectionate, sensitive, seeks special male. **Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 366755**

VANESSA fun loving single mum, 5ft 4ins, brown eyes, seeks kind, loving, genuine male for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 304135**

WIDOWED lady 70's, likes countryside, travel, seaside, seeks nice gent to spend time with. **Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 362993**

DIY gardening, friendly geek required by friendly 55yr old attractive teacher, soulful lady to share sunny days and starlit nights in my hilltop cottage garden. **Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 365137**

BLONDE tanned female, trendy, 46, GSOH, likes walks, pubs, nights in, seeks male. **Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 384852**

PROFESSIONAL independent lady, 49, slim, blonde, attractive, varied interests, seeks intelligent, romantic, sincere, genuine male with GSOH for companionship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 359351**

CARING and honest lady 61, 5ft 2ins, WLTM very caring and honest gentleman. **Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 357985**

KIND romantic, loving lady, slight disability, seeks genuine male for romance. **Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 357751**

SUE attractive, slim, 50's, green eyes, varied interests, trendy, OHAC, seeks special guy. **Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 180587**

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CLIVE 48, divorced, 2 children, seeks female for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 389158**

ATTRACTIVE tall professional, Indian male, 47, enjoys sport, socialising, good company, GSOH, easygoing, looking to meet a lady with GSOH for friendship and fun. **Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 383431**

MALE 60, N/S, average looks, black hair, likes meals out, seeks female, 50-70, looks unimportant. **Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 383425**

MALE 54, seeks female 60 plus for discreet fun. **Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 389114**

GENUINE professional male, 50, many interests, seeks female for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 382849**

ROY likes meals out, walks, weekends away, seeks romantic, caring, honest female for LTR. **Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 382769**

CLIVE 48, divorced, 2 children, seeks female for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 389158**

IAN 5ft 10ins, 55, caring, honest, looking for sincere female with good personality, 45-55, enjoy being out, socialising, meals. **Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 382997**

63YR old male, widower, retired, looking for female of any age/status for fun relationship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 389132**

MARK 44, caring, honest, faithful, looking for love with a lady to share love and my heart with. **Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 382939**

SIMON mid 40's, 5ft 9ins, medium, well toned, love fun filled evenings to relax, cooking, music to more natural fun things, WLTM delicious looking and thinking female. **Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 382919**

MALE 57, good looking, no ties, loyal, serene, seeks sincere female for TLC, soul mates forever. **Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 382917**

DANIEL 49, tall, attractive, GSOH, seeks lady for fun relationship. **Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 382559**

BILLY 50, black, Christian, 5ft 5ins, GSOH, seeks warm, genuine, Christian lady. **Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 382425**

FUN loving professional male, 37, seeks female for company, nights in/out, maybe more. **Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 382417**

62YR old male, divorced, medium build, dark hair, GSOH, enjoys music, sport, gardening, socialising, seeks local lady for LTR. **Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 382401**

KEVIN solvent, 6ft 2ins, athletic, looking for soul mate. **Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 382385**

JOE seeking fun, sexy girl in similar area. **Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 382345**

PAUL OHAC, N/S, divorced, average guy, sociable, tactile, likes most things, seeks lady for LTR. **Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 382335**

62YR old honest, caring gent, seeks female for LTR. **Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 357121**

LOVING caring 63yr old widower, seeks lady for caring relationship and to share the good things in life. **Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 379341**

MALE likes walks, talks, cooking, theatre, seeks female for fun. **Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 381771**

MIKE friendly guy 48, tall, fit, GSOH, seeks lady for fun. **Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 376921**

MARK single dad, seeking female for nights in/out, possible relationship. **Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 381779**

MALE 58, 5ft 8ins, medium build, short hair, GSOH, seeks female, 50-60 to share happiness and life with. **Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 370649**

KEVIN 44, divorced, 5ft 8ins, brown hair, blue eyes, medium build, easygoing, down to earth, likes meals out, cinema, seeks N/S female. **Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 377207**

JEFF slim, fit, active, 60, open-minded, seeks attractive lady, 40-60 for fun. **Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 379997**

54YR old divorced male, OHAC, seeks female under 50 for fun. **Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 379729**

ATTRACTIVE tall honest guy, 48, polite, respectful with GSOH, seeks female for fun relationship. **Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 371823**

JOHN 48, 5ft 10ins, warm, intelligent, hardworking, unconventional, unpretentious, seeks sensitive, intelligent lady. **Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 388412**

TALL handsome male, 41, GSOH, likes romantic days/nights in/out, WLTM attractive, down to earth, young lady, 35-55, size unimportant. **Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 346611**

HELP help, help! Inexperienced CD, 52, seeks understanding female for fun and excitement. **Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 226021**

DAVE 44 slim, good looking, N/S, 5ft 9ins, no ties, WLTM slim, attractive, fun loving girl for relationship. **Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 381547**

ALAN young 62, N/S, slim, solvent, successful, OHAC, WLTM sensitive, caring female, 50-60 for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 380651**

MALE 50, fit, friendly, down to earth, seeks female for fun. **Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 372407**

ATHLETIC good looking 31yr old male, seeks slim, attractive female for fun. **Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 370821**

ALAN young 60, N/S, slim, OHAC, solvent, successful, 6ft, WLTM sensitive, caring female, 45-60 for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 388912**

GENUINE male, 54, own home, seeks female, any age for fun. **Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 368871**

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43YR old bi male, likes CD, seeks similar male for adult fun. **Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 383315**

MALE 34, attractive, 5ft 10ins, blue eyes, blond hair, seeks slim male for fun relationship. Any area, can travel. **Tel No: 0907 004 4190 Box No: 311892**

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Saturday TV



BBC1



6.00 Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** Nigel Slater's Simple Suppers. (R) **12.00** BBC News; Regional News; Weather. **12.15** Football Focus. **1.00** British Olympic Dreams – A Winter Youth Olympic Special. **1.30** Live Athletics. Coverage of the International Match from Glasgow's Kelvin Hall. **4.30** Final Score. **5.15** BBC News; Regional News; Weather. **5.35** Winter Wipeout.

6.35 The Magicians. The professional illusionists are joined by more famous faces to perform another selection of tricks.
7.50 The National Lottery: Who Dares Wins. Nick Knowles hosts the show in which strangers pair up to win money.
8.40 Casualty. Linda is forced to take her errant sister's children to the ED so she can supervise them, and Dylan struggles to treat a homeless alcoholic (Billy Boyd from Lord of the Rings).
9.30 BBC News; Weather.
9.50 FILM: The Rock. (1996) An FBI chemical weapons expert and a jailed SAS veteran must break into Alcatraz to bring down a renegade general and his men. Action thriller, with Sean Connery and Nicolas Cage; National Lottery Update.
11.55 The Football League Show. Highlights of today's games in the Football League.

12.35 Film: The Cat and the Canary. (1978) Thriller, starring Honor Blackman. **2.10** Weatherview. **2.15** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **8.25** Live Tennis: Australian Open. The women's singles final. **11.30** Homes Under the Hammer. (R) **12.00** Film: Island in the Sky. (1953) Action adventure, starring John Wayne. **1.45** Escape to the Country. (R) **2.30** Live Bowls. The World Indoor Championships semi-finals. **4.35** Film: Galaxy Quest. (1999) Sci-fi comedy, starring Tim Allen.



6.10 Flog It! From the Prince's Theatre in Kilmarnock, East Ayrshire.
7.10 Dad's Army. The platoon competes for the honour of guarding a VIP. (R)
7.40 Timewatch. The 1939 debutante season. (R)
8.30 FILM: The Duchess. (2008) An 18th-century duchess enduring a troubled marriage is driven into the arms of a prominent politician. Fact-based drama, starring Keira Knightley, Ralph Fiennes and Dominic Cooper.
10.10 Pan Am. Colette meets Dean's parents.
10.50 Pan Am. Kate must fake a lie detector test to save herself from ruin.
11.35 TOTP2: The 60s. New series. The first of three programmes placing the spotlight on hits from the 1960s.

12.05 Bowls. **1.05** Film: Day of the Dead. (1985) Horror sequel, starring Lori Cardille. **2.40** Close.

ITV1

6.00 CITV: Mini CITV. **7.25** CITV. **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. **10.25** May the Best House Win. (R) **11.25** This Morning: Saturday. **11.55** ITV News; Weather. **12.00** Live FA Cup Football. Liverpool v Manchester United (Kick-off 12.45pm). **3.05** Film: The Incredible Hulk. (2008) Comic-book adventure, starring Edward Norton. **5.15** Regional News ; Weather.**5.30** ITV News; Weather. **5.45** All New You've Been Framed!

6.45 Harry Hill's TV Burp. More choice moments from the show's vaults.
7.15 Take Me Out. A professional golfer, an undertaker, a wedding singer and a fitness model take part. Paddy McGuinness presents.
8.30 The Talent Show Story. How The X Factor became one of TV's biggest shows.
9.30 The Jonathan Ross Show. With Kermit the Frog and Miss Piggy, plus Hugh Bonneville, Jack Whitehall and Arctic Monkeys.



10.30 ITV News; Weather.
10.45 FA Cup Football Highlights. Action from today's fourth-round ties.

12.15 Celebrity Juice. **12.50** The Zone; ITV News Headlines. **3.00** In Plain Sight. **3.45** ITV Nightscreen. **5.30** ITV Morning News.

Channel 4

6.00 The Treacle People. (R) **6.10** The Hoobs. (R) **6.35** That Paralympic Show. (R) **7.00** Volleyball. (R) **7.55** The Morning Line. **8.55** T4: Everyone's Talking About – Top Ten. **9.25** T4: Live and Lost: Rizzle Kicks. (R) **9.55** T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) **10.25** T4: Desperate Scousewives. **11.25** T4: The Simpsons. (R) **12.00** T4: New Girl. (R) **12.30** T4: Playing It Straight. **1.25** T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) **1.55** Channel 4 Racing. **3.55** Come Dine with Me Extra Portions. (R) **4.25** Come Dine with Me Extra Portions. (R) **5.00** Come Dine with Me Extra Portions. (R) **5.35** Come Dine with Me Extra Portions. (R)

6.05 Channel 4 News.
6.35 4thought.tv.
6.40 FILM: Crocodile Dundee. (1986) Comedy, starring Paul Hogan.



8.30 The Million Pound Drop Live. Davina McCall presents the quiz show in which contestants can win £1million, but lose money for giving incorrect answers.
10.05 FILM: Clear and Present Danger. (1994) Action thriller, starring Harrison Ford.

12.50 Chris Moyles' Quiz Night. (R) **1.35** Friday Night In. (R) **1.45** Film: The Warlords. (2007) Historical adventure, starring Jet Li. **3.40** This Is Me. (R) **3.45** St Elsewhere. (R) **4.35** 90210. (R) **5.15** Countdown. (R)

Channel 5

6.00 Milkshake! **10.00** Inside Hollywood. **10.10** It's All About Amy. (R) **11.10** Celebrity Big Brother: Final. (R) **12.40** Film: Murder, She Said. (1961) Miss Marple mystery, starring Margaret Rutherford. **2.25** Film: Black Horse Canyon. (1954) Western, starring Joel McCrea. **4.05** Film: Man in the Wilderness. (1971) Western, starring Richard Harris and John Huston.

6.05 FILM: Police Academy 3: Back in Training. (1986) The bungling graduates of the police training school return as instructors to save the establishment from closure. Comedy sequel, with Steve Guttenberg.
7.35 5 News Weekend.
7.40 NCIS. A security guard is killed during a bank robbery. (R)
8.30 NCIS. In a bid to expose a spy in NCIS, Gibbs sends DiNozzo and Ziva on a decoy mission to retrieve top-secret information from a secure military base. Mark Harmon stars. (R)
9.30 CSI: NY. New series. The team members recall September 11, 2001.
10.30 Law & Order: Special Victims Unit. New series. A couple are accused of child abuse by their foster son.
11.30 CSI: NY. A man is found dead on Brooklyn Bridge. (R)

12.25 SuperCasino. **4.00** Great Artists. (R) **4.25** Divine Designs. (R) **4.50** County Secrets. (R) **5.00** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.10** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **5.35** Thomas & Friends. (R) **5.45** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

Digital

ITV2
3.40 American Idol **6.25** Film: Batteries Not Included (1987) **8.30** Take Me Out – The Gossip **9.15** Film: Rumor Has It. (2005) Romantic comedy, starring Jennifer Aniston and Kevin Costner. **11.15** The Only Way Is EsseXmas

ITV4
12.50 Film: The Big Country (1958) **4.10** Film: The Way West (1967) **6.40** Film: Escape to Victory (1981) **9.00** 20 Football Transfers That Shocked the World. Signings that captured the public's imagination. **10.00** Africa Cup of Nations **11.00** Film: The Hitcher (2007)

BBC THREE
7.00 Doctor Who **8.30** Film: Bee Movie (2007) **9.55** Edinburgh Comedy Fest Live 2011. Part one of two. **10.50** Family Guy

BBC FOUR
7.00 Survivors: Nature's Indestructible Creatures **8.00** Atlantis: The Evidence – A Timewatch Special **9.00** Borgen **10.55** Top of the Pops: 1977 **11.35** Airline: The Story of Pan Am

E4
1.30 Hollyoaks **4.05** Perfect Couples **5.05** Scrubs **6.05** The Big Bang Theory **7.00** Happy Endings **7.30** How I Met Your Mother **8.00** Rules of Engagement **8.30** The Big Bang Theory **9.00** Film: Beverly Hills Cop II. (1987) Comedy thriller sequel, starring Eddie Murphy. **11.05** The Big Bang Theory **11.55** The Cleveland Show

FILM4
2.55 Paper Moon. (1973) Drama, starring Ryan and Tatum O'Neal. **5.00** A Walk in the Clouds (1995) **7.00** X-Men. (2000) Mutant outsiders with strange powers defend the human race from a superhuman terrorist faction. Sci-fi comic-book adventure, starring Hugh Jackman and Patrick Stewart. **9.00** Predator. (1987) Sci-fi thriller, starring Arnold Schwarzenegger. **11.05** Alien. (1979) Sci-fi horror, starring Sigourney Weaver.



Sunday TV





BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** The Big Questions. **11.00** Country Tracks; Weather for the Week Ahead. **12.00** Sunday Politics. **1.05** EastEnders. **3.00** The Royal Bodyguard. (R) **3.30** Penguin Island. (R) **4.00** Regional Programmes. **5.00** Songs of Praise. **5.35** Antiques Roadshow. (R)

6.35 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.
7.00 Countryfile. How the demand for cheap milk threatens the Guernsey breed of cow, and a comparison between animal welfare rules in Europe with those of Britain.
8.00 Call the Midwife. Jenny befriends an ailing veteran soldier (Roy Hudd).
9.00 Birdsong. Stephen is haunted by memories of his affair with Isabelle – only to meet her again as he prepares for the Somme. Conclusion of the drama, with Eddie Redmayne and Clemence Poesy.
10.25 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.
10.50 The One Griff Rhys Jones. Comedy sketches, with Griff Rhys Jones. Last in the series.
11.30 Room 101 – Extra Storage. With Gregg Wallace, Gabby Logan and Sarah Millican.

12.10 Weatherview. **12.15** Sign Zone: Film 2012 with Claudia Winkleman. (R) **12.55** Hairy Bikers' Best of British. (R) **1.40** Holby City. (R) **2.40** Celebrity Antiques Road Trip. (R) **3.40** Rip Off Britain. (R) **4.10** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **8.15** Live Tennis: Australian Open. The men's singles final. **12.00** Escape to the Country. (R) **1.00** Figure Skating. The European Championships. **2.30** Live Bowls. **5.15** Ski Sunday.



6.00 The Last Explorers. Neil Oliver examines the Antarctic explorations of William Speirs Bruce, who set out to conquer the frozen continent in the name of scientific advancement.
7.00 Sir Jimmy Savile at the BBC: How's About That Then? Footage from the BBC archive of the DJ and broadcaster who died in October 2011 at his home in Leeds. (R)
8.00 Top Gear. New series. A trio of supercars are tested in Italy.
9.00 Toughest Place to Be a Bin Man. New series. London dustman Wilbur Ramirez travels to Jakarta, Indonesia.
10.00 God Bless Ozzy Osbourne. A profile of Black Sabbath frontman Ozzy Osbourne.
11.30 FILM: The Science of Sleep. (2006) Premiere. Michel Gondry's fantasy comedy, starring Gael Garcia Bernal and Charlotte Gainsbourg. In French, Spanish and English.

1.10 BBC News. **4.10** Close.

ITV1

6.00 CITV: Mini CITV. **7.25** CITV. **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** FA Cup Football Highlights. (R) **11.00** Dinner Date. (R) **12.00** Dickinson's Real Deal. (R) **12.55** ITV News; Weather. **1.00** Live FA Cup Football. Sunderland v Middlesbrough (Kick-off 1.30pm). **4.00** Vera. (R)

6.00 You've Been Framed! Crazy horses, practical jokers and skiers hitting the slopes – literally. (R)
6.25 Regional News; Weather.
6.35 ITV News; Weather.
6.45 Dancing on Ice. Phillip Schofield and Christine Bleakley announce a big twist. The results can be seen at 9.30pm.
8.30 Wild at Heart. A bush fire spirals out of control.
9.30 Dancing on Ice: The Skate Off. The two lowest-scoring couples compete.
10.00 That Sunday Night Show. With Ross Noble and Melanie Chisholm.
10.30 ITV News; Weather.
10.45 FA Cup Football Highlights. Action from today's fourth-round ties.
11.30 Anglo-Welsh Cup Rugby Union.



12.20 The Zone. Shopping and interactive gaming; ITV News Headlines. **2.00** Ladette to Lady: Australia. (R) **2.50** ITV Nightscreen. **5.30** ITV Morning News.

Channel 4

6.00 The Treacle People. (R) **6.10** The Hoobs. (R) **6.35** The Hoobs. (R) **7.00** Sailing: America's Cup Uncovered. (R) **7.30** The Mark Webber Tasmania Challenge. **8.25** T4: One Tree Hill. (R) **9.15** T4: Hollyoaks. (R) **11.45** T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.15** T4: Shipwrecked: The Island. **1.20** T4: The Simpsons. (R) **1.55** T4: The Simpsons. (R) **2.30** Film: Son of the Mask. (2004) Fantasy comedy sequel, starring Jamie Kennedy. **4.20** Deal or No Deal. **5.25** Channel 4 News. **5.55** 4thought.tv.

6.00 Time Team.
7.00 Hugh's Three Hungry Boys. The boys reach the halfway point of their adventure.
8.00 The Hotel. Grosvenor manager Mark invests in a computer.



9.00 FILM: The Ghost. (2010) Premiere. A writer is employed to pen the memoirs of a former British prime minister, but finds his life in mortal peril. Political thriller, with Ewan McGregor and Pierce Brosnan.
11.35 FILM: Predator 2. (1990) Sci-fi thriller sequel, starring Danny Glover.

1.35 Coming Up: Home. A homeless couple go in search of a friend. (R) **2.05** St Elsewhere. (R) **2.50** 90210. (R) **3.35** My Dream Farm. (R) **4.30** Lost Buildings of Britain. (R) **5.25** Countdown. (R)

Channel 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. **6.05** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **6.15** Fifi and the Flowertots. (R) **6.25** Fireman Sam. (R) **6.40** Harry and His Bucket Full of Dinosaurs. (R) **6.50** Castle Farm. (R) **6.55** Igam Ogam. (R) **7.05** Roobarb and Custard Too. (R) **7.15** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **7.35** Make Way for Noddy. (R) **7.50** Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures. (R) **8.00** Little Princess. (R) **8.20** The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) **8.35** Angelina Ballerina. **8.50** Rupert Bear. (R) **9.00** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.10** Milkshake! Monkey. (R) **9.15** The Mr Men Show. (R) **9.25** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **9.40** Mist: Sheepdog Tales. (R) **10.00** Animal Rescue Squad. (R) **10.15** Meerkat Manor. (R) **10.50** Grey's Anatomy. (R) **11.45** Cowboy Builders. (R) **12.45** Film: A Ring of Endless Light. (2002) Drama, starring Mischa Barton. **2.30** Film: Tinker Bell and the Lost Treasure. (2009) Animated adventure, with the voice of Mae Whitman. **4.05** Film: Fairytale: A True Story. (1997) Fact-based drama, with Harvey Keitel. **5.55** Film: Shanghai Noon. (2000) Comedy Western, starring Jackie Chan and Owen Wilson.

8.00 World's Greatest Daredevils. (R)
8.55 5 News Weekend.
9.00 FILM: Bad Boys. (1995) Action thriller, starring Will Smith and Martin Lawrence.
11.25 FILM: Storm Catcher. (1999) Action thriller, with Dolph Lundgren.

1.10 SuperCasino. **4.00** County Secrets. (R) **4.10** Great Scientists. (R) **4.40** Divine Designs. (R) **5.00** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.10** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **5.35** Thomas & Friends. (R) **5.45** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

Digital

ITV2
2.00 The National Television Awards 2012 **4.30** New You've Been Framed! **5.00** Film: Free Willy (1993) **7.10** Film: Kangaroo Jack (2003) **9.00** Winners & Losers **10.00** The Only Way Is Essex **10.45** Peter Andre Uncut: Piers Morgan's Life Stories

ITV3
11.00 Cracker

ITV4
1.30 Film: The Way West (1967) **4.00** Film: The Gunfight at Dodge City (1959) **5.40** Film: Shalako (1968) **8.00** Anglo-Welsh Cup Rugby Union **9.00** Cops with Cameras **10.00** Africa Cup of Nations **11.00** Film: Sweeney! (1977)

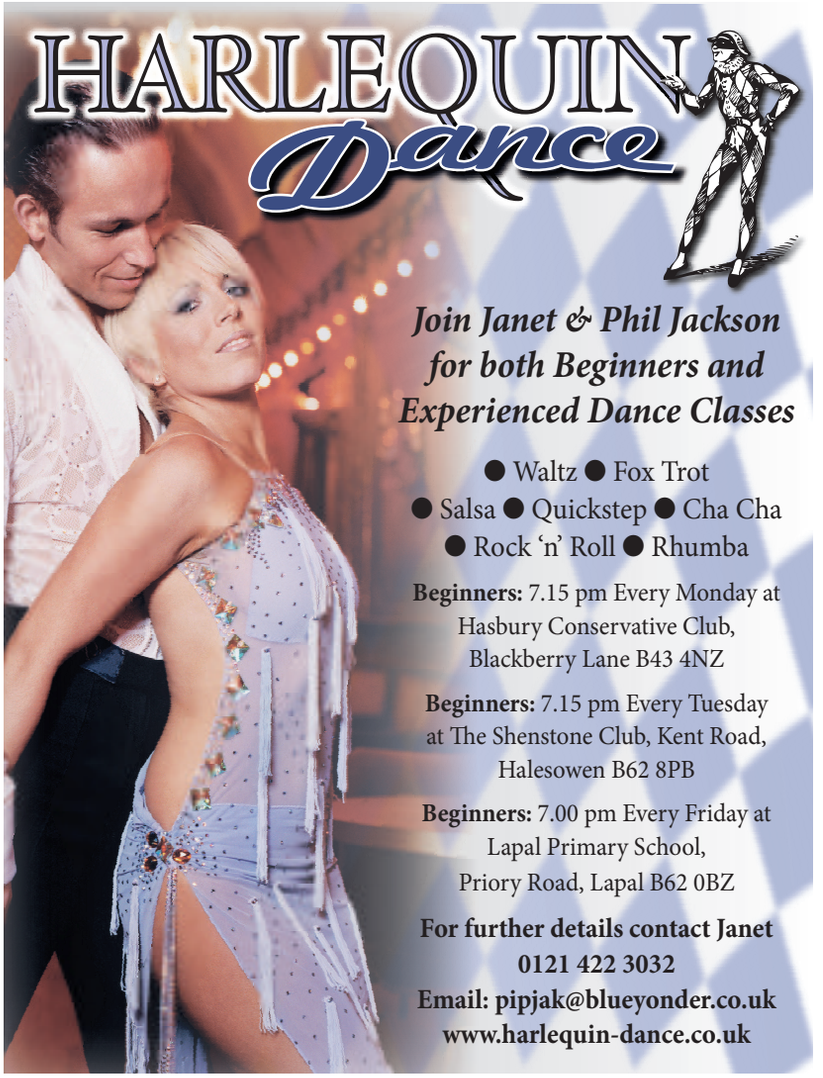
BBC THREE
7.00 Junior Doctors: Your Life in Their Hands **8.00** Young Baker of the Year **9.00** Young Soldiers. Catching up with three of the British Army recruits featured in the series. **10.00** Family Guy **10.45** American Dad! **11.30** Sun, Sex and Suspicious Parents

BBC FOUR
7.00 Timeshift – The Last Days of the Liners **8.00** Treasures of Chinese Porcelain **9.00** Film: Flame and Citron. (2008) Premiere. Fact-based Second World War drama, starring Thure Lindhardt and Mads Mikkelsen. **11.05** Toni and Rosi

E4
4.55 Samantha Who? **5.20** Being Erica **6.15** 90210 **7.15** Film: The Simpsons Movie. (2007) Animated comedy, with the voice of Dan Castellaneta. **9.00** Desperate Housewives **11.00** Skins

FILM4
2.50 Carry On Dick (1974) **4.35** Guess Who (2005) **6.45** A Good Year (2006) **9.00** Ghosts of Girlfriends Past. (2009) Romantic comedy, starring Matthew McConaughey and Jennifer Garner. **10.55** Under Siege 2: Dark Territory. (1995) Action adventure sequel, starring Steven Seagal.

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Monday

BBC1 6.00 Breakfast. 9.15 Wanted Down Under. 10.00 Homes Under the Hammer; (R) BBC News; Weather. 11.00 Britain's Empty Homes. (R) 11.30 Cash in the Attic; BBC News; Weather. 12.15 Bargain Hunt. (R) 1.00 BBC News; Weather. 1.30 Regional News; Weather. 1.45 Doctors. 2.15 Escape to the Country. 3.00 BBC News; Weather; Regional News. 3.05 CBBC. 5.15 Pointless. 6.00 BBC News; Weather. 6.30 Regional News Programmes; Weather. 7.00 The One Show. 7.30 Inside Out; BBC News; Regional News. 8.00 EastEnders. 8.30 Panorama. 9.00 The Royal Bodyguard. 9.30 Mrs Brown's Boys. 10.00 BBC News. 10.25 Regional News; Weather. 10.35 A Question of Sport. 11.05 Late Kick Off. 11.35 The Graham Norton Show. (R) 12.25 Weatherview. 12.30 Sign Zone: Who Do You Think You Are? (R) 1.30 Filthy Cities. (R) 2.30 Celebrity Antiques Road Trip. (R) 3.30 BBC News.

BBC2 6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 8.25 CBeebies. 11.30 BBC World News. 12.00 Daily Politics. 1.00 One Man and His Campervan. (R) 1.30 Animal 24:7. 2.15 Weakest Link. 3.00 Helicopter Heroes. (R) 3.45 Flog It! 4.30 Perfection. 5.15 Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is. 6.00 Eggheads. 6.30 Great British Railway Journeys Goes to Ireland. 7.00 Home Cooking Made Easy. (R) 7.30 A Question of Taste. 8.00 University Challenge. 8.30 An Island Parish. 9.00 Protecting Our Children. 10.00 Mock the Week. (R) 10.30 Newsnight; Weather. 11.20 Pan Am. (R) 12.00 Pan Am. (R) 12.40 BBC News. 3.30 Close. 4.00 BBC Learning Zone.

ITV1 6.00 Daybreak. 8.30 Lorraine. 9.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show. 10.30 This Morning. 12.30 Loose Women. 1.30 ITV News; Weather. 1.55 Regional News; Weather. 2.00 Dickinson's Real Deal. 3.00 The Alan Titchmarsh Show. 3.59 Regional Weather. 4.00 The Hungry Sailors. 5.00 The Chase. 6.00 Regional News; Weather. 6.30 ITV News; Weather. 7.00 Emmerdale. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 Cornwall with Caroline Quentin. 8.30 Coronation Street. 9.00 Whitechapel. 10.00 ITV News at Ten; Weather. 10.30 Regional News; Weather. 10.35 That Sunday Night Show. (R) 11.10 Law & Order; UK. (R) 12.05 Cops with Cameras. (R) 1.00 The Zone; ITV News Headlines. 3.00 The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) 3.55 ITV Nightscreen. 4.35 The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) 5.30 ITV Morning News.

Channel 4 6.10 The Hoobs. (R) 6.35 The Hoobs. (R) 7.00 Freshly Squeezed. 7.30 According to Jim. 7.55 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 8.25 Frasier. (R) 8.55 Living with the Amish. (R) 9.55 Phil Spencer: Secret Agent. (R) 11.00 Secret Location. 12.00 Channel 4 News Summary. 12.05 Country House Rescue. (R) 1.05 River Cottage Bites. (R) 1.10 Film: The Shepherd of the Hills. (1941) Western, starring John Wayne. 3.10 Countdown. 4.00 Deal or No Deal. 5.00 Come Dine with Me. 5.30 Coach Trip. 6.00 The Simpsons. (R) 6.30 Hollyoaks. 6.55 4thought.tv. 7.00 Channel 4 News. 7.55 Channel 4 Presents – 2012: David Clarke – Part Two. 8.00 SuperScrimpers. 9.00 Coppers. New recruits hit the streets for the first time. 10.00 Party Paramedics. 11.05 Random Acts. 11.10 Shameless. (R) 12.15 The Joy of Teen Sex. (R) 1.10 Embarrassing Bodies. (R) 2.05 Film: The Good German. (2006) Mystery, starring George Clooney and Cate Blanchett. 3.50 St Elsewhere. (R) 4.35 90210. (R) 5.15 Lost Buildings of Britain. (R)

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BBC2 6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 8.25 CBeebies. 11.30 BBC World News. 12.00 Daily Politics. 1.00 One Man and His Campervan. (R) 1.30 Animal 24:7. (R) 2.15 Weakest Link. (R) 3.00 Helicopter Heroes. (R) 3.45 Flog It! 4.30 Perfection. 5.15 Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is. 6.00 Eggheads. 6.30 Great British Railway Journeys Goes to Ireland. 7.00 Hairy Bikers' Best of British. (R) 8.00 Alex Polizzi – The Fixer. 9.00 Wonderland – My Child the Rioter. Interviews with parents of those involved in the 2011 riots. 10.00 Have I Got Old News for You. (R) 10.30 Newsnight; Weather. 11.20 Rubicon. (R) 12.05 Rubicon. (R) 12.50 BBC News. 4.00 BBC Learning Zone.

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Channel 4 6.10 The Hoobs. (R) 6.35 The Hoobs. (R) 7.00 Freshly Squeezed. 7.30 According to Jim. 7.55 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 8.25 Frasier. (R) 8.55 Living with the Amish. (R) 10.00 Phil Spencer: Secret Agent. (R) 11.00 Secret Location. 12.00 Channel 4 News Summary. 12.05 Country House Rescue. (R) 1.05 River Cottage Bites. (R) 1.15 Film: King Solomon's Mines. (1985) Action adventure, starring Richard Chamberlain and Sharon Stone. 3.10 Countdown. 4.00 Deal or No Deal. 5.00 Come Dine with Me. 5.30 Coach Trip. 6.00 The Simpsons. (R) 6.30 Hollyoaks. 6.55 4thought.tv. 7.00 Channel 4 News. 7.55 Channel 4 Presents – 2012: Ellie Simmonds – Part Two. How the gold medal-winning Paralympic swimmer copes with pressure. 8.00 Terror at Sea: The Sinking of the Concordia. 9.00 15 Kids and Counting. 10.00 Shameless. 11.10 Desperate Housewives. 12.05 Random Acts. 12.10 Poker. 1.10 Sailing: America's Cup Uncovered. 1.40 KOTV Boxing Weekly. 2.05 Volleyball. 3.00 The Mark Webber Tasmania Challenge. (R) 3.55 Freesports on 4. (R) 4.20 That Paralympic Show. (R) 4.45 Brief Encounters of the Sporting Mind: Ma Bar. (R) 5.00 Scrapheap Challenge. (R) 5.55 Sali Mali. (R)

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Thursday

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BBC2 6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 8.25 CBeebies. 11.30 BBC World News. 12.00 Daily Politics. 1.00 One Man and His Campervan. (R) 1.30 Animal 24:7. (R) 2.15 Weakest Link. (R) 3.00 Helicopter Heroes. (R) 3.45 Flog It! 4.30 Perfection. 5.15 Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is. 6.00 Eggheads. 6.30 Great British Railway Journeys Goes to Ireland. 7.00 Escape to the Country. (R) 8.00 Raymond Blanc: The Very Hungry Frenchman. 9.00 Putin, Russia & the West. 10.00 James May's Things You Need to Know. (R) 10.30 Newsnight; Weather. 11.20 Toughest Place to Be a Bin Man. (R) 12.20 An Island Parish. (R) 1.20 BBC News. 3.25 Close. 4.00 BBC Learning Zone.

ITV1 6.00 Daybreak. 8.30 Lorraine. 9.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show. 10.30 This Morning. 12.30 Loose Women. 1.30 ITV News; Weather. 1.55 Regional News; Weather. 2.00 Dickinson's Real Deal. 3.00 The Alan Titchmarsh Show. 3.59 Regional Weather. 4.00 The Hungry Sailors. 5.00 The Chase. 6.00 Regional News; Weather. 6.30 ITV News; Weather. 7.00 Emmerdale. 7.30 Hot Metal: Tonight. 8.00 Emmerdale. Carl is forced to tell Jimmy the truth. 8.30 Coronation Street. 9.00 Eternal Law. 10.00 ITV News at Ten; Weather. 10.30 Regional News; Weather. 10.35 The Jonathan Ross Show. (R) 11.35 Take Me Out. (R) 12.40 The Zone; ITV News Headlines. 2.45 Hot Metal: Tonight. (R) 3.10 ITV Nightscreen. 4.35 The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) 5.30 ITV Morning News.

Channel 4 6.00 The Treacle People. (R) 6.10 The Hoobs. (R) 6.35 The Hoobs. (R) 7.00 Freshly Squeezed. 7.30 According to Jim. 7.55 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 8.25 Frasier. (R) 8.50 Living with the Amish. (R) 9.55 Phil Spencer: Secret Agent. (R) 11.00 Secret Location. 12.00 Channel 4 News Summary. 12.05 Country House Rescue. (R) 1.05 Baking Mad with Eric Lanlard. (R) 1.35 Film: The Moonraker. (1958) Swashbuckling adventure, starring George Baker. 3.10 Countdown. 4.00 Deal or No Deal. 5.00 Come Dine with Me. 5.30 Coach Trip. 6.00 The Simpsons. (R) 6.30 Hollyoaks. 6.55 4thought.tv. 7.00 Channel 4 News. 7.55 Channel 4 Presents – 2012: Danielle Brown – Part Two. 8.00 Location, Location, Location. 9.00 The Restoration Man. 10.00 Confessions from the Underground. 11.05 Coppers. (R) 12.05 Random Acts. 12.10 Party Paramedics. (R) 1.10 The Great Train Robbery's Missing Mastermind? (R) 2.05 Britain AD: King Arthur's Britain. (R) 3.00 St Elsewhere. (R) 3.50 90210. (R) 4.30 My Dream Farm. (R) 5.25 Countdown. (R)

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

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Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

Cryptic Clues:

Across

1. A short length of hose? (4)
3. He keeps the beastly company together (8)
8. To assign to a particular grade is offensive (4)
9. Those having guests around a long time as prisoners (8)
11. What the guard is doing - not losing time! (7,5)
13. Observe it once perhaps (6)
14. A translation of Proust will produce torpidity (6)
17. Fruit the corn-stalk covers up, we hear (12)
20. This should provide adequate cover for capital (8)
21. This may recount part of an oriental exploit (4)
22. Men of chivalry making a noise among friends (8)
23. Advanced before Easter (4)

Down

1. Taking industrial action is impressive (8)
2. A hundred on trial question the verdict (7)
4. A piece of garden ought to be sufficient (6)
5. They take away the reputation of French farm equipment (10)
6. Is this performed with the aid of a spelling-book? (5)
7. Very necessary for one wishing not to lose the scent (4)
10. Diana's accused and acquitted (10)
12. Not on the wane (8)
15. He has received no commission, but it's not generally known (7)
16. Get the boat reconstructed at home (6)
18. Drag along the track (5)
19. Chastise this pet - a dog (4)

Quick Clues:

Across

1. Select (4)
3. Recommend (8)
8. Identical (4)
9. Monotony (8)
11. Unlawful (12)
13. Great comfort (6)
14. Evade (6)
17. Foreboding (12)
20. First (8)
21. Renown (4)
22. Led (8)
23. Tidings (4)

Down

1. Perhaps (8)
2. Intricate (7)
4. Cross out (6)
5. Sanguine (10)
6. Watchful (5)
7. Simple (4)
10. Quarrelsome (10)
12. Uneasy (8)
15. Mean (7)
16. Mad (6)
18. Lift (5)
19. Ostentation (4)

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS:
CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Hard and fast; 9 Minimum; 10 Credo; 11 Loyal; 12 Untried; 13 Chaise; 15 Lay low; 18 Airways; 20 Rupee; 22 Gable; 23 Incense; 24 Straightway. Down: 2 Annoy; 3 Dimples; 4 Nimbus; 5 Facet; 6 Special; 7 Small charge; 8 Roadsweeper; 14 Acrobat; 16 Apricot; 17 Asking; 19 Arena; 21 Panda. QUICK - Across: 1 Catastrophe; 9 Fragile; 10 Cargo; 11 Event; 12 Largess; 13 Assert; 15 Gifted; 18 Holiday; 20 Sugar; 22 Limit; 23 Transit; 24 Information. Down: 2 Abate; 3 Aviator; 4 Treble; 5 Occur; 6 Harvest; 7 After a while; 8 Considerate; 14 Solomon; 16 Instant; 17 System; 19 Ditto; 21 Gusto.

Sudoku

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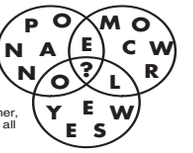
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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

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Circlegram

Replace the question mark with a letter so that the letters within each circle can be arranged to form words on a common theme. What are the three words, and the letter represented by the question mark?



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION: The letter represented by the question mark is R. Panther, caracal, leopard, all wild cats.

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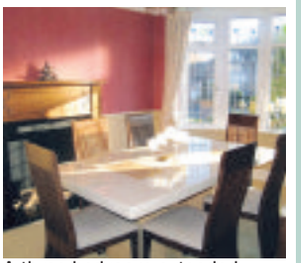
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Kia Optima, one of a kind in business saloon

SHOULD you be captivated by the sculpted lines of Kia's new big saloon you ought to find the buying process pleasantly simple.

For starters, there's just one engine on offer – a fairly modest diesel – and one body shape – a saloon, with no talk of hatch or estate on the horizon.

So you'll just have to concentrate on colour and fittings and perhaps go for the auto over a conventional gearchange.

And that's it, although you might not want to hang around. Kia has only modest sales targets for the Optima and might be surprised at the interest this handsome machine generates.



It's a big car, longer even than Ford's Galaxy and to my eyes a much more handsome design, a shape overseen by the man who spent some years drawing new Audis for a living before being tempted away to inject style into Kias from Korea.

The Optima marks the completion of part one of the project that has seen eight new cars in seven years and turned Kia from a company that sold cars because they were cheap to ones that represent good value – an important difference.

Good value (think Marks & Spencer) means we'll pay a bit more for something that looks good; making us feel better and the retailer a little bit better off.

Most Optimas will end up as company cars and aren't going to be upstaged in the company car park in a sea of Galaxies and Insignias, especially when the Kia's keeper starts describing what came as standard with the car.

All Optimas share the same engine but come with a choice of four grades. The entry level Optima 1 (see, I said it was simple) costs £19,595 and has the business car essentials of air con, electric windows, Bluetooth, alloys and adjustable lumbar support for the driver – along with a huge boot easily made bigger still by folding the rear seats.

Next up is the Optima 2 in Luxe or Tech guise, each costing the same £21,695. Both have dual zone air conditioning, heated front seats (with memory and electric adjustment for the driver), reversing sensors and a more easily read instrument panel.

The Luxe then adds part leather seats, sunroof, iPod cable, big 18 inch alloy wheels and a reversing camera. Opt for the Tech and you'll find a 12 speaker sound system, smaller alloys and touch screen satellite navigation.

The Tech looks the bargain buy of the range, which is topped by the £24,495 Optima 3 which adds xenon headlights, full leather upholstery . . . even an automatic parking system, heated rear seats and the ability of the hard-pressed driver to cool his seat at the push of a button.

So it looks good (inside and out) and comes with lots of kit, but how does this promising newcomer drive?

Pretty well is the quick answer. The 1.7 litre, 134bhp diesel engine is vocal when cold but decently subdued once warmed through and provides enough performance to keep a busy company driver on schedule.

An automatic model was less impressive, adding vibrations through the floor and keeping the revs annoyingly high when stopped at the lights and not looking worth the £1,500 charged for dispensing with a clutch pedal.

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While for those that require more room, larger vehicles such as the spacious Chevrolet Cruze 1.6 LT, the popular Vauxhall Astra 1.6 Exclusiv and the stylish Ford Focus 1.6 125 Zetec are also all available with no Advance Payment.

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Mike Betts, chief executive, Motability Operations explains: "This is our first Price Guide following the streamlining of the Scheme's range which was announced in October 2011. Despite the reduction in the size of the list, the most popular cars chosen by Motability customers, including automatics, estates and diesels continue to be available and there are hundreds of cars that have no Advance Payment. ."

From January 2012, the core range of vehicles from Motability all have an Advance Payment of £2,000 or below, together with diesel, estate and automatic versions of those models.

This means that the most popular cars continue to be offered, such as the "WHATCAR? of the Year 2011" – the Audi A1 1.2TFSI SE – available at £199 Advance Payment. Other models, such as the popular Volkswagen Golf 1.2TSi 105 S, with air conditioning, and the spacious Honda New Civic 1.4i-VTEC SE are both available at £299 Advance Payment.

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Turn on your headlights before sunset and keep them on for an hour after sunrise so that it's easier for other drivers to see you in twilight. Equally important is making sure all your exterior lights are clean and working properly.

You should also make sure all your windows are clean, inside and out. Dirty windows will increase glare from other vehicles and are more prone to steaming up. Clean, properly positioned mirrors will reduce dazzle as well as blind spots. Turn off the interior lights and dim the dashboard as well, if you can. This will cut down on interior reflections.

Read the road ahead and look out for clues that might not be available to you usually. While visibility is reduced, glimmers of light at the top of hills and at bends could be the headlights of other vehicles, giving you prior warning. And as always, be able to stop your vehicle within the distance you can see to be clear – at night this will probably only be as far as your headlights reach, unless there are street lights.

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Under-9 Hawks go down fighting

Boys League

Withymoor 2 Halas Hawks W U9 0

HALAS had their fair share of the play, but lost at Withymoor.

Harvey Brookes had the best chances but was denied by the keeper and woodwork.

Halas Hawks W U10 0
Halas Hawks East 2

Oliver Miller scored in each half to keep Halas in third place in the league. Joshua Yorke put in a strong performance at both centre-back and right midfield.

Halas Hawks West U11 1
Gornal Athletic 2

Gornal went two up before Halas hit back with a good move, well finished by Bradley Millward. Both teams had further chances.

Withymoor 0 Halas Hawks U12 3

Goals from Nick Bennett, Ben Jeavons and Mohammed Mohammed gave Halas the win.

Legion Lions 3
Halas Hawks U13 1

Halas started the second half well and took the lead when Callum Hughes fired home from close range.

But they switched off and allowed Legion to level within minutes before scoring two further goals.

Kewford Eagles West 1
Halas Hawks U14 7

A fine all-round team performance saw Halas go three up through a Dominic Hipkiss hat-trick – and in the second half Adam Higginson went one better, scoring four. Kewford netted a consolation from the penalty spot.

Halas Hawks East U15 1
Oldswinford 2

A broken ankle for long-serving player Jon Rizzo overshadowed this defeat.

All the big decisions went against Halas in a disappointing loss.

Reiss Potter equalised for Halas in the first half but a sloppy goal condemned the Hawks to their first defeat in three months.

Wombourne 1
Halas Hawks U17 3

A strong wind and sloping pitch made conditions difficult but a fierce Ben Hughes free-kick put Halas ahead before Alex Campbell netted from 20 yards.

An own goal made it three and although Wombourne got into the game with a penalty Halas saw the game out.

Phoenix FC 1
Halas Hawks U18 4

Halas continued their fine run with goals by Jordan Sturman, Adam Reece, Greg Britton and Ryan Howard.

Hales come out hot after cold break

Hampton-In-Arden 2 Old Hales 2

AFTER a two-week break due to frozen pitches, Old Halesonians firsts got back into action with a draw at Hampton-In-Arden on Saturday.

Hales started well despite their lack of recent action. Good passing tore through the Hampton defence, and Hales had chances to pull ahead early.

The breakthrough came when a great passing move through the midfield, finally made its way to Graham Knight in the D, who scored. Several more chances fell to Hales and they doubled their lead through striker Tom Bulteel before half-time. Hales will be extremely disappointed with their second-half performance.

Hampton-In-Arden soon capitalised. A penalty corner drag flick was charged down and deflected wide by Ben Hughes but the umpire deemed the ball to have struck a foot somewhere in the D. The following penalty corner was put past keeper Steve Charlton to make it 2-1.

Hampton were soon able to draw level, with another penalty corner drag flick which couldn't be stopped by Hales. Both defences stood strong for the remaining 10 minutes.

Old Hales hockey

Results: Old Hales seconds 2 Old Wulfrunians 1, Old Hales fourths 2 Olton & West Warwick 4, Solihull Blossomfield 0 Old Hales fifths 3, Old Hales Ladies 0 Bromsgrove 1.

Old Hales 5 Aldridge & Walsall 2

On Sunday, in their second game in as many days, Old Hales won the match postponed eight days earlier.

They started well and passed the ball with confidence. Old Hales pressed the visitors and scored with a well-worked penalty corner routine. The ball was shipped to Paul Harrold who had no problems scoring. The home side soon doubled their lead when Mark Curzon's deflection hit an Aldridge & Walsall player on the line and Tom Bulteel put away the penalty flick.

Hales made it 3-0 when Tom Underhill was two yards from an empty goal after Tom Durnford had pressured a defender.

In the second half Durnford turned scorer and although Aldridge & Walsall got one back Old Hales then had a goal of the season contender.

Mark Curzon threw an aerial ball deep into the opposition half, into the path of striker Graham Knight. He controlled the ball deep in the D and from a seemingly impossible angle smashed it into the top corner. The visitors got a consolation goal.

Aldridge & Walsall 4 Old Hales 3

Old Hales seconds travelled the short distance to Aldridge & Walsall. Hales were unfortunate to lose the game, after playing well. Goals came from Adam Hill, Damian Shackleton and Nic Penn. The game took a turn for the worse for goal scorer Penn, who broke his little finger in five places.

No doubting Thomas has big Olympic hopes

GYMNAST Kristian Thomas is closing in on his 2012 Olympics dream after helping to inspire the Team GB squad to qualification.

The team won the Olympic test event in London last week with Thomas claiming gold on the high bar and bronze in the vault and floor finals.

It was a big start to the biggest year for Thomas, who trains with Earls Gymnastics in Halesowen. He is now with the squad in Cancun, Mexico, for a 12-day training camp ahead of the European and British Championships in May and June.

By Nick Mashiter

It is a year for which the amiable Thomas has been preparing after sacrificing genomes for gymnastics.

Not all sportsmen have 10 GCSEs and an A-level and now Thomas is ready to use brains and brawn to succeed London.

"I did PE and biology at A-level and had to stop biology because I didn't have the time," said the 22-year-old.

"But it wasn't until I was about 17 I started thinking about the Olympics.

"I'd been competing for Great Britain since I was 14 or 15 but because you're only a junior you don't really think about the Olympics. It wasn't in my mind until I did my first Commonwealth Games and got the feel for it.

"Now anything to do with the Olympics gives me a buzz. I was a guest at the Himley Hall fireworks and it had a London 2012 theme. All the music was geared towards inspirational stuff and even that meant something to me. I went past the Olympic Stadium and village and the hairs on the back of my neck stood up.

"The Olympics is the pinnacle of an athlete's career. I don't want to go and come back thinking 'I should have done something different'. I want to go and know I've done everything possible."

The team were forced to qualify this month after missing their chance in the World Championships in Tokyo in November. They came 10th after being expected to cruise through with the talent of Thomas and Louis Smith at their disposal.

Smith has hogged the headlines after his Olympic bronze in Beijing – two years after his Commonwealth gold on the horse in Melbourne – and has become a poster boy for London 2012.

Pressure

But the laid back Thomas, who lives with mum Catherine and dad Peter, is happy to stay in the background for now.

He said: "I'm not in it to get money out of it or publicity. It's about my gymnastics and doing my job."

Smith became the first British gymnast to win an Olympic medal since the 1928 women took bronze. But despite his success there is no pressure on the team, he says.

Thomas name-checked the US and China as the favourites and insisted that a top-five place would represent a success for Team GB. Final selection is at the end of June after the British Championships – with one member of the six-man team set for heartbreak as the group is cut to five.

Thomas is competing with Smith, Daniel Purvis, Dan Keatings, Ruslan Panteleymonov and Max Whitlock for a place.

They're a close-knit group and Thomas insisted it will be hard to lose a team-mate – but is determined it won't be him.

He said: "We're all really good friends, but the fact there's six of you who have done so well to qualify for the Olympics and it has to dwindle to five is just horrible.

"I'd never wish anyone to mess up or get injured but, at the same time, I want to be in that team so I have to do whatever I can."

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Kristian Thomas on the way to high bar gold in the Olympic test event

Four-star girls race into top position

Girls League

Halas Hawks U10 4
Kewford Eagles 0

HALAS put on their best performance of the season.

Hannah Fellows opened the scoring with Kelly Nicklin and Maddison Eden making it 3-0 before half-time.

Kirsty Hampton got the fourth in a win which took Hawks to the top of the league cup table.

Halas Hawks U13 1
Sedgley White Lions 1

Halas turned round a goal down, but equalised when a run by Georgia Allen ended with a pinpoint pass to Abigail Gennard who squeezed the ball in.

Halas Hawks U16 5
Wordsley Wasps 0

A first half of containment saw Halas go into the break ahead through Kate Duffy's first goal of the season.

The second half saw the home team step it up. Zoe Tidman tucked away a fine through ball by Liz McAleenan and then Kelly Gorman notched a hat-trick.

Birch Coppice 0
Halas Hawks Ladies 3

Halas Ladies were always in control at Tamworth, with goalkeeper, Gemma Scriven virtually a bystander.

They thoroughly deserved their 3-0 win with goals from Tash Berry, Gemma Colledge and Tash Berry.

Tivs notch up the win in a thriller

TIVIDALE followed up their 7-1 FA Vase blitz over Binfield at the weekend by beating Rocester 2-1 at home on Tuesday night.

The home side took the points in a thrilling Midland Alliance encounter.

Tividale opened brightly and had the majority of the ball in the first few minutes but it was the visitors who created the first opportunities when the impressive Mensah Kinch burst down the right wing and sent over a telling cross which Chris Sterling turned over the bar.

Mounting pressure paid off when Matt Jukes hit the net from 10 yards. From a goal kick Adam Hill sent a ball to Russell who slotted the ball past Froggatt. The final minutes of the half saw Rocester pull a goal back.

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Haseley's fine strike fails to lift sad Yeltz

NEW striker Ben Haseley bagged a second goal in two games for Halesowen but could not save them from a 2-1 home defeat at the hands of Paulton Rovers.

Third-placed Paulton created their only real first-half chance in the 12th minute when James Billing screwed a rebound wide.

The visitors escaped a minute later when a close-range header from Nathan Jones struck the underside of the crossbar.

The Yeltz took a 22nd-minute lead when Jones latched on to a poor clearance and put Haseley, a recent signing from Heath Hayes, clear to stroke past goalkeeper Kyle Phillips with a fine finish.

Halesowen muffed a golden chance to increase the lead when a 33rd minute penalty by Jones was saved.

Unmarked Price stooped to head home the far post equaliser in the 50th minute from Craig Loxton's corner.

Dan Cleverley completed the fightback to secure victory for Rovers in the 81st minute.

The captain unleashed a tremendous 25-yard shot to beat goalkeeper Connor with the help of a deflection.

Swimmers grab glory at double

HALESOWEN Swimming Club did the double, with Team A winning a Droitwich gala and the B side victorious at Halesowen Leisure Centre.

Winning both their individual events last Saturday were India Hanke in the freestyle and breaststroke, Chloe Finch in the butterfly and freestyle, Chloe Robbins in the backstroke and freestyle as well as Jacob Darby and Jakob Baker in the butterfly and breaststroke.

First place also went to Ryan Davies, Jack Simpson and Eliza Bradley in the freestyle, Lauren Hill, Hannah Cuthbert, Luke Morris, Daniel Hill and Katy Morrice in the butterfly, Max Clapham, Jack Slattery, Emma Bird, Euan Vaughan-Hawkins and Natasha Bird in the backstroke.

George Davies and Piers Boyack triumphed in the breaststroke.

Droitwich result: Halesowen A 212, Redditch 205, Droitwich 139, Worcester B 118, Haden Hill 105.

Halesowen result: Halesowen B 209, Orion 169, Bromsgrove 150, Perry Beeches & SSS 148, Ludlow 112.

Legend Pedersen back with Heathens

SPEEDWAY great Jan O Pedersen wants to play his part in developing the next British world champion after rejoining the Heathens.

Pedersen, who won the world title in 1991, has agreed to become coach of the Dudley club and is moving back to England from his Danish base.

And the former Cradley star wants to see British youngsters reach the top and start to challenge the rising stars from Australia, Poland and Scandinavia.

He said: "I care passionately about British racing because this is where I spent so much of my life. Obviously I want Denmark to do well but Britain is also home to me and it saddens me seeing the lack of British riders at the top level of the sport.

by Nigel Pearson

"I'm so pleased to have this opportunity to go back to the club where I started my career, even though they now ride at Wolverhampton in the National League.

"If we can be successful and develop the youngsters at the club it will benefit the fans and I still believe most of the fans are from the old Cradley days.

"The main target is for the club to find a track of their own and if we can help by being successful then that's good. Will Pottinger is a good young guy to have as manager and I will focus on working closely with the riders, advising them on their technique and set-ups, that's where I feel I can help.

"I'm quite sure Will and myself can work together very well and I look forward to seeing all the Heathens fans again this season. It will be nice to be a part of something special.

"It's great to see a Heathens team back on track and to be honest the level of support doesn't surprise me. They're so passionate about their club and if ever a group of supporters deserve success and a track of their own then this is it.

"They gave me a great welcome at the Golden Hammer last July, I really enjoyed that, and now I hope to help the team."

Pottinger is excited by Pedersen's appointment.

He said: "This is a great opportunity for me to work with someone of Jan O's experience. He can only help the riders with his knowledge and opinions and to have a World Champion in our camp is fabulous for us all."

Meanwhile, Birmingham have resigned popular former rider Thomas Piszcz.

IT'S FULL THROTTLE FOR HUGHES AT 15

A HALESOWEN teenager with a need for speed is going for motorbike glory this year.

Bradley Hughes, aged 15, is busily preparing to embark on a full term of racing in the 2012 125GP British Championship.

Last year he finished a promising 14th place in the ACU Academy Cup – the series run within the main championship for young riders.

Hughes has four years of racing under his belt – and having won the Club GP125 class with the North Gloucester Road Racing Club, the Windsor High school student feels the time is right for him to progress to contest the British championship full-time this year.

by Mike Lawrence

At the age of just 10 Hughes won the LCRRC British Minimoto championship.

The following year he clinched the National Pre GP70 Open series before stepping up to GP125 with North Gloucester, taking the title in the Club Formula 125 class in 2009 and moving on to win the GP125 class in 2010.

He dipped a toe into the British championship waters in 2010, scoring points in most of the rounds contested in the ACU Academy Cup.

Strong

And he also registered in the main championship by completing the races at Oulton Park and Silverstone in 13th and 12th place for points.

Spurred on by his success Hughes began to make good progress in the class, his best results being 11th overall at Oulton Park and 12th at Cadwell Park.

In the Cup section of the series he began to work his way up through the points to complete the season in a strong 14th position.

For 2012 he wants to progress further and said: "This year it is my aim to run within the top 10 in the British Championship and to be challenging for podiums.

"It is a very competitive series but with a couple of years experience behind me I feel I can achieve my objective.

"I would like to thank Penn White for their support (www.pennwhite.co.uk) and welcome them on board as new sponsors and hope I can reward them with some top results."

The series begins at Brands Hatch over the Easter weekend with the championship taking place at major racing circuits throughout the UK.

And for the first time in series history there's the added incentive of a round at Assen in Holland.

Prior to that Hughes will carry out pre-season testing and travel to Spain in mid-March to prepare himself and the RS125cc Honda for his new challenge.

For further details on Hughes, see www.bradhracing.com



Halesowen's Bradley Hughes prepares for the challenge of a new season. *Picture: www.superbikesnapper.co.uk*

Injured Male pulls out of his title bout

CRADLEY'S Chris Male has pulled out of his English featherweight title fight against Joe Murray next week with a suspected torn rotator cuff.

The two had been set to compete for the vacant belt next Saturday night on the Sky Sports televised bill at the Reebok Stadium in Bolton, ***writes Craig Birch.***

But Male, 29, needs an MRI scan after sustaining the injury sparring with Stourbridge's Steven Pierce and has had to rest.

It's the second time the fight has been called off at short notice, nine months after Ricky Hatton's promotional company won the purse bids to stage it. Originally, the bout was set to take place in November but the show was moved from Newport in Wales to Manchester, then cancelled.

Male said: "I threw a left hook and collided with my sparring partner's right hand and it shot my shoulder right out of the joint.

"It went back in but I haven't been able to train at all, they have told me I need total rest for a couple of weeks.

"I need an MRI scan, which I am having done privately, and it could just be a bad muscle pull, I hope it is.

"It could be something worse, I just don't know."

Meanwhile, Coseley's Tommy Ghent will square off with Walsall's Joel Ryan when they open the Prizefighter show at Wolverhampton Civic Hall next month.

They will contest four rounds at welterweight in front of the Sky Sports cameras in the prelude to the tournament on February 11.

Deadlock in Albion bid for Ridgewell

ALBION'S talks with Birmingham about defender Liam Ridgewell are deadlocked.

The Baggies have failed to agree a fee for the former Villa man – but still hope to resurrect the deal, ***writes Steve Madeley.***

And Hawthorns defender Joe Mattock has emerged as a possible key to after Blues boss Chris Hughton watched him in action.

Albion, buoyant after the 2-1 weekend victory at Stoke, have had two offers for Ridgewell rejected by the St Andrew's club and the clubs remain some distance apart in negotiations.

The Baggies would consider loaning a fringe player to Blues and Hughton and coach Paul Trollope watched Mattock in action for Albion reserves on Tuesday. Ridgewell, meanwhile, has reiterated his desire to leave after handing in a formal transfer request in August.

Baggies boss Roy Hodgson said: "The reason Ridgewell became interesting to us is because he fills two positions and is a good player, so if it became possible to sign him at the price we think is the right one, who would say no to that?

"But I'm not sitting here thinking 'if we don't get this player or that player we're not going to be able to see ourselves through the season'.

"If something comes up that we think could help us either in the short term or the longer term we would be foolish not to do it. "

Albion hope Blues' stance on Ridgewell will soften in the final week of the transfer window but the Baggies are also considering options in other areas of the team.

Hodgson said: "We've made a bid that we think is a good one."

Rangers hit five for place in semi

WEDNESBURY Rangers Under-15s progressed into the semi-finals of the Bilston League Charity Cup with a hard-fought 5-3 home win over Lee Sports.

Both teams did their best in windy conditions, but it was Wednesbury who prevailed with goals from Maxfield, Islam, Furnival, Handley and Whitcombe.

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